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3rd Feb.	EGYPT.....	7912	.....	.....
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	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	
20	21 10	48 8	36 6	30 7	64 5	47 6	37 11	20
21	22 1	49 4	36 14	30 15	64 6	47 8	37 13	21
22	22 9	50 0	37 7	31 7	64 8	47 10	37 15	22
23	23 1	50 12	38 0	31 15	64 9	47 12	38 1	23
24	23 9	51 8	38 10	32 7	64 11	47 14	38 4	24
25	24 2	52 5	39 4	33 0	64 13	48 0	38 7	25
26	24 11	53 2	39 15	33 9	64 15	48 3	38 10	26
27	25 5	54 0	40 10	34 2	65 1	48 6	38 14	27
28	25 15	54 14	41 6	34 12	65 4	48 9	39 2	28
29	26 9	55 13	42 1	35 6	65 7	48 12	39 6	29
30	27 4	56 12	43 13	36 0	65 10	49 0	39 11	30
31	27 15	57 13	43 10	36 11	65 13	49 4	40 0	31
32	28 11	58 14	44 7	37 6	66 0	49 8	40 6	32
33	29 8	59 15	45 4	38 2	66 4	49 13	40 12	33
34	30 6	61 1	46 2	38 15	66 8	50 2	41 3	34
35	31 5	63 4	47 1	39 12	66 1	50 8	41 10	35
36	32 5	63 8	48 0	40 10	67 2	50 14	42 2	36
37	33 5	64 12	49 0	41 9	67 8	51 5	42 11	37
38	34 6	66 1	50 1	42 8	67 14	51 13	43 5	38
39	35 8	67 6	51 3	43 8	68 4	52 5	43 15	39
40	36 11	68 12	52 5	44 9	68 11	52 14	44 10	40
41	38 0	70 3	53 8	45 11	69 3	53 8	45 6	41
42	39 6	71 11	54 12	46 14	69 12	54 3	46 4	42
43	40 13	73 4	56 1	48 2	70 6	55 0	47 3	43
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45	43 14	76 7	58 12	50 13	71 11	56 13	49 6	45

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A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade ...	1	1	5
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri ...	0	0	9
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada ...	0	1	18
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahaluxmi ...	0	0	6
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada ...	0	0	21
F Parel, Sewree and Sion ...	0	0	9
G Mahim and Worli ...	0	0	12
Water Division ...	0	0	0
North-Resident and Unknown Hospitals ...	0	0	11
Total ...	1	2	91
Total plague deaths to date ...	304,812	223,327	
Same date last year ...	10	12	103

A STUDENT was asked to write a sentence with the word "dogma" as its theme. The lad pulled himself together, and, after 10 minutes' deliberation, says the "Daily News," produced the following: "The dogma has five pups!"

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs Winslows Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa whether arising from teething, or other causes, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Lalpoora, 2193 tons, Captain A J Cole, will sail to-day for Calcutta, in ballast.

THE Wilson Line steamer Tokio 2497 tons, Captain W O Tarn, will sail to day for Hull via Karachi with a general Cargo and Mr Davis as a passenger.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Muttra, 2985 tons, Captain E W Peck, sailed yesterday for Rangoon in ballast.

THE steamer Hydra, 830 tons, Captain A Knudson, sailed yesterday for Rangkok, with a general cargo.

THE steamer Terrier, 1007 tons, Captain H Nielson, sailed yesterday for Tuticorin in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Waroonga, 1603 tons, Captain C S Forbes, sailed yesterday for Persian Gulf via Karachi with a general cargo and Mr and Mrs Miller and 40 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Linga, 938 tons, Captain R J Rickford sailed yesterday for Karachi via Cutch Mandvi with a general cargo and passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Lama, 940 tons, Captain M G Williams, arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi via Cutch Mandvi, with a general Cargo and the following passengers :—Mr A Meyer, Mrs Lees' governess and child, Mrs Zurhorst and 2 children, Mr Widlake, 5 natives and 560 deck.

DEPARTURE OF THE CHINA AND AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

THE P and O Co's steamer Oceana, 3537 tons, Captain J Hayward, will sail to-day for Shanghai via intermediate ports with China and Australian mails a general Cargo and the following passengers :—For Colombo—Mr and Mrs Ismalji and 2 infants, Mr Ismailji Tyebally, Mr J Adamji, Mr F E Vaid, Mrs Edwards, Mr A Murcott, Mr L Trevor and Miss K Burnside—For Hongkong—Mr and Mrs Young, Mrs Osborne and child and Capt A E Oppenheim—For Shanghai—Mr P Seshna—For Sydney—Mr and Mrs Young, Melbourne—Mr and Miss Edwards and Mr A J Reynolds,

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
11	R I M S Dufferin	Wardon	Suez, Nov 30
	Lama s.	Williams	Karachi, Dec 9

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
11	Assaye (Trpt)	Seymour	Southampton
	Linga s	Rickford	Karachi, &c
	Waroonga s	Forbes	Persian Gulf
	Terrier s	Neilsen	Tuticorin
	Hydra s	Knudson	Bangkok
	Muttra s	Zeck	Rangoon

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday :—

Steamer Lalpoora, Cole, for Calcutta
„ Tokio, Yarn, for Hull
„ Oceana, Hayward, for Shanghai

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—

Steamer Kola, for Persian Gulf, &c
„ Bhundara, for Calcutta, &c

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Anchor Line steamer Massilia left Suez outward bound on Saturday evening the 9th instant and is due here on the morning of the 21st instant.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Trieste, from Japan, left Penang for Bombay on the 11th instant.

DAILY EXPORTS.—Dec. 11.

FOR HULL.

Den of Ogil s—49351 cwts cottonseed, Ralli Brothers.

Clan Ranald s—7000 cwt castorseed and 1600 cwts metheyseed E D Sassoon and Co, 2000 cwts cottonseed Volkart Brothers.

FOR ANTWERP.

Longdale s—110 bales cotton Forbes Forbes Campbell and Co, 4000 cwt rapeseed Volkart Bros.

FOR ONESSA.

D Balduino s—75 cwt olibanum, S Ranyanally.

FOR TRIESTE.

Vindobona s—2001 cwts gingellyseed E D Sassoon and Co, 60 bales cotton Glade and Co, 110 bales cotton J A Begbie and Co.

FOR VENICE.

Vindobona s—200 bales cotton Bamjee and Co, 200 bales cotton The New Mofussil Co.

FOR GENOA.

Clanerley s—50 tons oildron E B Parekh 300 baoi cotton The Bombay Co, 200 bales cotton J A Begbie and Co, 100 tons iron Nusserwanjee Brae and Co, 350 tons iron C Boggiarso and Co, 1000 bales cotton Bamjee and Co,

D Co, Balduino s—200 bales cotton E Spinner and Co, 2000 cwts linseed A Blascheck and Co, 3999 cwts leetseed Ralli Bros 263 bales cotton Bamjee and Co, 50 bales cotton Glade and Co, 150 bales cotton A Blascheck Co, 50 cwt olibanum M J Joomabhoy and Co,

FOR PORT SAID.

Den of Ogil s—50000 cwt wheat Ralli Brothers.

FOR ALEXANDRIA.

D Balduino s—3000 cwt gingelleyseed John Fachiri, 38 bales piecegoods killick Minor and Co.

FOR BARCELONA.

D Balduino s—17 bales hemp Kiddie Reeve and Co, 50 bales cotton G Tejpal and Co.

FOR NAPLES.

D Balduino s—100 bales cotton Glade and Co.

FOR ROME.

Kt of the Thistle s—685 bales cotton Joosub Peermahomed and Co. 40 cwts Coirmattingo, Bume and Reief 491 bales cotton Shroff and Co, 1350 bales cotton F F Campell and Co, 1200 bales cotton R S N Talate and Co, 50 Bundles coir matting and bundles mats R S Esmail.

Pekin s—250 bales cotton H N Madraswalla and Co, 403 bales cotton Shroff and Co.

Ischia s—200 bales cotton The Mitsui B Kaisha.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Kt of the Thistle s—702 cwts bone meal Croft Mody and Co.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS BY MAJOR T. W. CUFFE, A. D. C. COMMANDING.

Bombay, December 12.

There will be Tent Pegging and Morris tube practice on the Church Gate Sands to-morrow Wednesday the 13th instant from 7 a.m.

By Order,
T. W. CUFFE, Major
Commanding B. L. H

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COL E. FERRES NICHOLSON, V. D. COMMANDING.

Bombay, December 12.

1. Detail of parades &c, for the week :—

Tuesday the 12th inst—There will be a lecture for all N C Officers at the Adjutant's Office at 6 p m, it is hoped that all N C Officers will attend.

Wednesday the 13th inst—"A", "C" and "E" Companies will parade at Sir Richard Temple's Statue at 5-15 p m.

Dress—Drill ordar, plain clothes (subject) Infantry Training 1905, Sections 61 to 74 under C C Companies.

Thursday the 14th inst—"D" Coy will parade at the back of the Telegraph Quarters at 5 p m.

Dress—Drill order, plain clothes (subject) Infantry Training 1905 Sections 61 to 74.

2. Instruction Drill for Officers at Head-Quarters at 6 p m subject Fire Discipline.

Friday the 15th inst—All Recruits of current season will parade at Head-Quarters at 6 p m.

By Order,
G. D. PRICE, Captain,
Adjutant B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. BUSSELL COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, December 12.

DRILLS.

No 1 Coy—10" R M L Gun Drill at the Town Hall Compound to-day Tuesday the 12th instant at 6-45 p. m. and on Thursday the 14th idem at 8 15 p m.

No 2 Coy—10" R M L Gun Drill at Nesbit Road, Head Quarters to-day Tuesday the 12th instant and on Thursday the 14th idem at 8-45 p m. respectively

E. E. COY.

The E E Coy will parade at 6 30 p m to-day (Tuesday) the 12th instant on the Apollo Bander and proceed to Middle ground for Technical Instruction,

PRACTICE 10" R M L.

No 2 Coy will commence practice from the 10" R M L Guns at Colaba North Fort on Saturday next the 16th instant at 4-30 p m. Parade at the club at 4-15 p m. Cyclists can proceed direct to the Fort.

Dress: officers: Khaki and Caps.
Dress N C Officers and men Khaki and F S Caps.

A. STIFFE, Capt, R.A.
Adjt. B. V. A

NOTICE.

B V A Carbine Club.

The following is the result of the Club Blend Cup and Spoon Competitions of the 10th instant.

300 yards.

	Score.	Points.	Total.
Gr Nuttall	32	....	32 (a)
Sergt E E Tooth	23	....	26
Corpl J Breach	25	....	25
S I H Solley	24	— 1	23
Gr O M P Clyne	24	— 1	23
S I H Solley	22	— 1	24
Sapper F Hainsworth	24	....	24 (b)

(a) Winner of 1st Spoon and win in Club Blend Cup.
(b) Winner of 2nd Spoon.

600 yards.

	Score.	Points.	Total.
Gr O M P Clyne	23	— 1	=22 (a)
S I H Solley	22	— 1	=21 (b)
Lieut R W R Pennington	20	— 1	=19
Sergt G W Murray	19	....	19

(a) 1st Spoon.
(b) 2nd Spoon.

The next Spoon Competition will be at 200 and 500 yard on the 17th instant.

G. W. MURRAY.
Hon. Secretary.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, Dec. 9.

SECURITIES—

2 3 4 per cent. Consols	89 11-16	=	— 1-16
3 do. Rentes	9 3-4	=	+ 1-1
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan	105 1-4	=	unchanged
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	65 15-16	=	do

SILVER—

Spot in London	29 11-16	=	+ 5-16
2 months hence	25 7-8	=	+ 5-16
Spot in New York	64 1-8	=	+ 6-8

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25'19	=	— 2
Berlin	20'39 1-4	=	— 1
New York Demand	4'85 5-8	=	+ 3-8

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	4	per cent	= unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills	3 3-8	per cent	= + 1-8
6 „ „ Fine Trade Bills	3 1-8	per cent	= unchanged
3 months sight Fine Trade Bills	3 3-4	per cent	= do
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills	3 7-8	per cent	= do

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	1 1-4	per cent	= — 1-4
7 day market loans	2	per cent	= unchanged

Total goat skins sold 1,157,000.

RAPESEED—
Brown 39 1-2 — 1-4 A.-M. sellers quiet

LINSEED—
Linseed Bold 42 + 1-4 Dec. Jan sellers steady

COFFEE—
Coffee in New York 8 1-16 — 1-16

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed quiet. East Indian quiet. Manchester steady. Total Sales 6,000. Spot 6'25 — 17. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 5 5-16. Sold on speculation and for Export 500. Import: 9,000. Futures closed easier.

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
6'12 —18	6'16 —13	6'20 —19
Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May	May-June
6'24 —19	6'27 —19	6'30 —19
June-July	July-Aug	Aug-Sep
6'31 —20	6'32 —29	6'24 —21

Receipts at U S Ports ... 37,000
Do last year ... 56,000
Exports to Great Britain ... 10,000
Do. do Continent ... 42,000

IN NEW YORK—

Spot	12'10 — 57
Futures, month of Dec	11'53 — 12 } a
Do do. March	11'94 — 11 }

a Declined owing to bear pressure and bulls unloading and to disappointing attitude of spinners.

IN NEW ORLEANS—

Spot	12 1-16
Futures, month of March	12'26+3
Do, do. June	12'50+3
Tone at close	steady.

	Bales.
Stock of cotton at Liverpool	8,07,000
Stock of cotton at London	16,000
Total visible supply	4,280,000
	+110,000
Total visible supply East Indian	135,000
Total Quantity in sight	5,92,000
	+42,000

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay for the 24 hours, ending at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 9th Dec. 1905 :—

Cotton	12,263 bales.
Wheat	3,505 cwts.
Linseed	2,838 do
Rape, Rai and Mustard	1,023 do
Gingellyseed	12,713 do
Poppyseed	76 do
Groundnut	150 do
Castorseed	2,231 do
Rice	6,447 do
Myrabollams	4,033 do
Cottonseed	9,176 do
Mowrasseed	463 do
Gram	396 do
Jowar	696 do
Maize	3 do

BOMBAY, DEC. 11.

EXCHANGE.—Tone steady.

Bank T. T.	...	...	...	1s. 4 1-32d.
Bank Demand	...	...	...	1s. 4 1-16d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight			D. A.	1s. 4 1-4d. to 9 32d
Do. 6	do.	do.	...	1s. 4 3-8d to 13-32d
French Francs 3	do.	do.	...	170 1-4
Marcks 3	do.	do.	...	.....
Hongkong 30	Days Sight			147
Shanghai 30	do.		...	207
Japan 30	do.		...	150

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—3 1/2 per cent. Tone quiet.

Cash	98'3
1st Settlement, 4th January ...	98'5

Money Market. Tone steady.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 28th Sept.	4	per cent.
Bank of Bombay do. 30th Nov.	6	do.
Bank of Bengal do. 30th Nov.	6	do.
Bank of Madras do. 10th July	4	do.

SEEDS.

LINSEED—Tone quiet but steady. Rs. a. p.

Ready	...	7	1 0
Forward December ...	...	7	4 0

RAPESEED.—Tone, steady.

Brown Cawnpore Ready	...	6	14 0
Yellow Guzerat, Ready	...	7	7 0

POPPYSEED—Tone firm.

Ready Buyers	... ...	8	5 0

CASTORSEED—Tone firm

Ready	... ...	30	8 0

GINGELLYSEED—Tone firm, more enquiry.

Howree Khandeish	... ...	43	
15 per cent Mixed	... ...	42	

WHEAT—Tone steady.

White Delhi ready	...	5	2 0

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	firm.
Estimated sales	8,000 Bales
Imports	9,000 „

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
6'19 +7	6'23 +7	6'27 +7
Mar.-April	April-May	May-June.
6'31 +7	6'34 +7	6'37 +17
June-July	July.-Aug	Aug.-Sept.
6'38 +7	6'39 +7	6'32 +8

COTTON.—The market is irregular. Sellers are stiff in their quotations, but buyers are scarce and have lowered their offers. The turnover is therefore very small. Sutta closing quotations are as follows :—

Bengals Fully Good January ... Rs. 198
Broach M.-G. Good March ... „ 254 1-2

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association Limited :—

		Fine.	F.-G.	Good.	Dely.
Bengal, H. G. (Ry. terms)		204	196	...	25th Dec
Bengal (M.-G.) Ry. terms	...	210	200	...	25th Dec
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)	...	212	202	...	25th Dec
Oomrawutee (descriptions)		M.-G. 222	216	...	25th Jan
Khandeish, (M.-G.)	...	...	...	213	... 25th Jan
Khamgaum, fair staple (M.-G.)					
Karanja do.	(M.-G.)	223	217	...	25th Jan
Akola do.	(M.-G.)				
Oomra, good staple (M.-G.)	...	231	225	...	„ „
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (M.-G.)		228	222	...	„ „
Nagpur Kamptee (M.-G.)	...	232	226	...	„ „
Broach (M.-G.)	...	...	...	209	... 254 25th Mar
Muttia (M. G.)	...	...	...	220	... ... Jan-Feb

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Gold Coin, Rs. 15,000
Ex s. s. Rheinfels from London

BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay, for the week ending 9th December as compared with the statement of the 42nd Dec. :—

LIABILITIES.	Dec. 2. Rs.	Dec. 9. Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	87,00,00	87,00,00
Public Deposits at Head Office	41,72,226	42,99,003
Public Deposits at Branches	40,79,863	36,80,934
Other Deposits	6,54,33,348	6,47,64,397
Post Bills	9,287	8,415
Sundries	23,11,140	23,82,178
Re.	9,45,08,804	9,37,34,833
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	1,21,59,276	1,22,43,817
Other authorised Securities	38,18,300	37,52,155
Credits on Govt. and other authorised Securities	65,47,200	73,87,435
Loans do. do.	1,19,41,596	1,16,04,855
Bills discounted and purchased	3,35,38,639	3,47,74,774
Dead Stock	2,83,342	2,83,342
Stamps and Stationery	4,092	4,044
Balances with other Banks	10,40,572	10,67,328
Sundries	2,50,656	2,65,893
Cash	2,50,25,261	2,23,51,365
	9,45,08,804	9,37,34,833

MR. R. J. WATSON, of the Remington Typewriter Company, has been selected by the Government of Bengal to reorganise all the Government Offices under its administration, so that they may be worked under one system.

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Re. 2 for six lines or less and 8 as. for every additional lines. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

DRAKE-BROCKMAN—December 3, at Purneah, Bengal, to Mr and Mrs C B Drake-Brockman, Indian Police, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

COOPER—RULACH—December 2, at Christ Church, Mussoorie, by the Rev L Klugh, Henry Charles Hubert Cooper, Survey of India, to Bertha Olga, eldest daughter of Rev G B Rulach, Church of Scotland.

JACOB—HARVEY—December 4, at St Saviour's Church, Mount Abu, by the Rev W B Preston, Chaplain, Captain Stephen Hector Jacob, Indian Army, son of the late Stephen Jacob, I C S, C S I, to May Tyndale, only daughter of H Beecroft Harvey, of Wayn Gap, near Kendal, Westmoreland.

DEATH.

MORRELL—November 27, at Ajmere, the wife of Mr Morrell, Proprietor, Rajputana Hotel, after a short illness.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 24m. Sun sets, 5h. 24m. High water, 11-14m. Low water, 5-28m., 5-20s.
Bombay Improvement Trust, 4 p. m.
Entertainment at Fort Convent, Wodehouse Road, 5-30 p. m.

ABELL'S CIRCUS will open to-morrow on a site near the Alpine Railway of the People's Fair. Some good "turns" are promised both in the Circus ring and in the menagerie performances.

A SWEEPER'S FIND.—The dead body of a newly-born male child was found on Sunday evening, in a gutter near the Small Causes Court by a Municipal sweeper.

ACCIDENT TO A LABOURER.—Eknath Shripati, a Hindu labourer, aged 30, was, on Sunday, unloading bags of sugar from a cart in Kazi Syed Street when he accidentally fell from the cart and injured his head. He was removed to the G. T. Hospital for treatment.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Mauritius, Reunion, via Tuticorin and Colombo, per extra s. s. "Santhia" will be closed at the General Post Office at 7 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th inst., Supplemental mails will also be closed at 6 p.m., on Sunday, the 17th instant.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT PAREL.—While some blasting operations were going on Sunday evening in the quarries off Kala Chowky Road, at Parel, a large stone shot out and struck a quarryman, named Sonoo Krishna in the head, killing him on the spot. The man was standing at a distance of 150 yards from the spot, but despite this fact his head was completely smashed.

THE SASSOON SPINNING AND WEAVING Co., LD.—A second extra-ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held yesterday afternoon, in its registered office, in Forbes Street, Fort, Mr. S. M. Moses presiding, when several resolutions, already published, and passed at the first extra-ordinary general meeting, held on the 22nd ultimo, were confirmed unanimously as special resolutions.

IN SEARCH OF A VICTIM.

ROBBING A MAN OF HIS CART AND BULLOCKS.

THE Hon. Chief Justice and the Hon. Mr. Justice Russell, presiding at the High Court, have disposed of a case against Ali Karim, who was convicted by Mr. S. Pudumjee, Additional Sessions Judge of Ahmedabad, in October last, of administering some stupefying drug and theft, and was sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment for the former and six months' rigorous imprisonment for the latter offence, the sentences being consecutive.

The appellant and one Hamir Bhagwan were charged with having, on the 18th March last, administered some stupefying drug to the complainant Kalla Poonjs and stealing his cart, bullocks, clothes etc., while under the influence of the drug. It appeared the two accused, who belonged to different villages, started together in search of a victim and came to Goriawad, where they hired complainant's cart. Accused No. 1 pretended to be a Barot and accused No. 2 as his servants. About dark they halted for meals. Each ate his own meal, but at the request of No. 1, No. 2 gave complainant some powdered sweetmeat. The complainant felt some sand in it so he did not eat much, when No. 2 said a dog had snatched the bundle, and, so sand may have got in. Soon the complainant felt giddy and lost all consciousness, when the two accused pulled him out of the cart put him on the road, and retraced their foot-prints to Ratanpur, which they reached after five days. Here the turn out excited the suspicion of the head constable, as the accused were in a very poor state, and the cart was of Gujerat fashion. This led to enquiries, and the cart, etc., were identified by the complainant's nephew Sava. Both the accused confessed their guilt before a second class Magistrate. Complainant as soon as he recovered consciousness the next day, went to the Mukhi of Sihapur in a semi-reviving condition. He talked incoherently and clutched at his clothes. He was sent on a camel to the nearest dispensary, where he was treated. Both the accused seemed to have acted in the business in a systematic manner. The Sessions Judge convicted the two accused and sentenced them each to two years' rigorous imprisonment for the first offence, and six months' each for the second offence, the sentences to run consecutively.

Their Lordships, on looking at all the circumstances of the case, dismissed the appeal.

IN a letter dated Windsor Castle, 16th November 1905, his Majesty the King-Emperor has been graciously pleased to convey through Lord Knollys his thanks to Mr. P. B. Joshi F. R. G. S. for [illegible] teresting pamphlet on the "Arrival of [illegible] the Prince and Princess and the [illegible] of Tripupari Purnima." [illegible] warded for his M[illegible] T. R. H. the Right [illegible] Hindu Festival [illegible] copy of which was forty's kind acceptance through [illegible] on'ble the Earls of Meath P. C. Some ago, in acknowledging the receipt of a copy of this pamphlet on behalf of H. R. H. the Prince, Sir Walter Lawrence wrote that the pamphet was most interesting.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

BOMBAY AUXILIARY.

A special public meeting of the Bombay Auxiliary Bible Society was held last evening, in the Y. W. C. Association Hall to welcome the Rev. A. Taylor Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, London, on the occasion of his visit to India, when the Rev. Dr. D. Mackichan, presided. A prayer was followed as special thanksgiving for the Centenary Fund, which has come up to 250,

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THE NEW CABINET.

So far as it went Reuter's forecast of the new Ministry wired on Saturday night was correct. This morning's telegram gives us the official list of Liberals among whom the portfolios will be distributed. It might perhaps have been possible to make a better selection, but we doubt not Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has scrupulously followed the wishes of his principal followers and that the choice will be loyally supported by the rank and file. That it has been long under discussion there is every reason to believe, for it will be remembered that some months ago the Liberal agents made elaborate calculations as to the precise majority they were to secure at the next General Election, and "A Retiring M. P.", writing in one of the magazines, gave us a list of his colleagues upon whom the leaders had set a mark for office. His list did not differ very greatly from that which is now given to us as official, except, perhaps, that it was a slightly better one. It gave Lord Carrington the Privy Seal instead of the Board of Agriculture; Sir Charles Dilke, instead of Lord Tweedmouth the Admiralty, Mr. Bryce, India, instead of Ireland; Lord Aberdeen, instead of Mr. Sinclair, Scotland; Mr. Lloyd George, instead of Mr. Gladstone, Home Affairs; Lord Elgin the War Office, instead of Mr. Haldane, and the Board of Trade to Mr. Burns, instead of Mr. Lloyd George. From the official list we miss the names of Lord Reay, of Sir. Charles Dilke, Lord E. Fitzmaurice, and Mr. Channing. But we find that of Sir Robert Reid, instead of Mr. Haldane, as Lord Chancellor, of Mr. Sydney Buxton, Sir Antony Macdonell and Mr. Sinclair. The others were all given as coming members of the Cabinet, and the Ministers, not in the Cabinet were to include Mr. Robertson, Lord Carlisle, Mr. Harcourt, Mr Pease, Capt. Sinclair, the Master of Elibank, Dr Macnamara, Mr. Churchill, Mr. M'Kenna, Capt. Norton, Mr. Tennant, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Hobhouse, Lord Monson, Lord Beauchamp (as Under Secretary for India), Major Seeley, Mr. Lough, Mr. Trevelyan, Mr. Lawson-Walton and Mr Robson. The prediction as to the Cabinet was not far out, and we may take it that the next official list will not differ very greatly from the forecast of a "a Retiring M. P.", who is, we believe, one of the new members of the Gilded Chamber.

Of the Premier and First Lord of the Treasury we need say nothing. His capabilities are sufficiently well known. The new Lord Chancellor, Sir Robert Thresbie Reid K. C. a former Solicitor-General, is now Member for Dumfries Burghs, a Liberal stronghold, and is a man of undoubted ability. He is close on sixty years of age, but in youth was a sportsman as well as scholar of Balliol and Ireland Scholar. He is, it must be borne in mind, a Home Ruler all round, and a Scottish Home Ruler not the least, and of him it was remarked, not very long ago, that if a Radical Government were to come in its, Lord Chancellor would be pro-Boer. Such then, a Liberal prophecy, has been fulfilled. Of the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Asquith K.C., it used to be said that no higher praise could be given him than that the only complaint ever made against him was that he spoke too seldom in the House and nursed his reputation too tenderly. He was Home Secretary in the last Liberal Government and worked hard and conscientiously. But for the fact that he is an Imperialist, he might have been Prime Minister, or leader in the Commons, had Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's medical advisers considered his health insufficiently good to admit of his remaining in the Commons. Mr. Herbert Gladstone, who is to be Home Secretary, was formerly Under-Secretary in that department, and may be supposed to have received a special training for his new office. That he is inclined to Imperialism is his chief fault in the eyes of his own party. Sir Edward Grey, who might reasonably have been elevated to the peerage, is almost a Conservative in his ideas of foreign policy and has practically committed himself to follow their lead. When Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the last Liberal administration, it was said of him that, although he had little chance of initiative, the diplomacy of his answers, especially to his own party, was recognised as masterly in their baffling unintelligibility. He too is an Imperialist and like his colleagues mentioned above, an Oxford man.

Lord Elgin, as Secretary for State for the Colonies, is not a particularly good selection, considering the statesmen he follows, but the choice lay between that office and the Secretaryship for War, in which position it was feared he might strive to abolish the Army altogether. Why Mr. Haldane should have been chosen for the War Office is not at all clear. He is a lawyer and a philosopher, but nothing at all of a soldier, though his brother was one of the heroes who made his escape from Pretoria. He assisted in the translation of Schopenhauer, wrote on "Studies in Philosophic Criticism" and similar subjects. He is an advocate of Women's Rights and the reform of the House of Lords and, being a blameless philosopher, was often called upon to whitewash radical inanities, and being an exceedingly dear man, the more everybody knows him the more everybody loves him, even when they laugh." Scarcely the man for war. As Secretary of State for India the appointment of Mr. John Morley will be welcomed by the natives of this country, but "the false prophet of the Soudan" is a Little Englander and none of the following can really hope to succeed as Secretary of State for India. Lord Tweedmouth has been trained for almost every other office but the Admiralty. Still he is one of the most amenable to discipline of his Party, and will doubtless prove perfectly amiable in his dealings with the Naval Lords. The appointment of Mr. Lloyd-George to the Board of Trade will probably be the making of him. Hitherto his eloquence had been characterised, even by his friends, as torrential and irresponsible. He will profit by the period of responsibility and gather the ballast which he needs so badly. The selection of Mr. John Burns as President of the Local Government Board will prove as acceptable to the working classes as was that of Mr. Broadhurst. For the post of Secretary of State for Scotland Capt Sinclair has no especial qualification except that he is a Scotsman. But he was once Secretary to Lord Aberdeen and is a stern and unbending Radical, which is to his leaders a recommendation. Lord Carrington ought to do as Minister of Agriculture, for he has twenty-three thousand acres of his own and should therefore take a keen personal interest in his work. Mr. Sydney Buxton, an acknowledged authority on political questions, will be thrown away at the Post Office, but as President of the Board of Education, Mr. Birrell ought certainly to make his mark. He is an author and his distinguishing feature as an author is that he "birrels so pleasantly—chirping and twittering as it were upon the tree of literature," a humorous man who may be expected to brighten up the text-books and turn Euclid into rhyme. Mr. Justice Walker will practically make as excellent a Lord Chancellor of Ireland, this time, as he did in the last Liberal Administration, and Lord Aberdeen is not likely to give great offence as Lord Lieutenant, though by going there he becomes a Scottish absentee landlord and, as such, ought on principle to be disliked. As first Commissioner of Works Mr. Harcourt takes a more responsible position than that his friends bespoke for him, but what his qualifications are for office of any kind has yet to be revealed. Sir Henry Fowler will find congenial occupation as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. He is now seventy-five years of age it must be remembered, and any office requiring hard work would have proved too great a trial. Last on the list comes Mr. Bryce, who was earmarked for India. It was recognised in time, however, that he had absolutely no qualification for a post connected with anything outside the British Isles, though he once was under Secretary for Foreign Affairs; but as a staunch Home Ruler he will be particularly acceptable to Ireland. Of the Cabinet as now constituted two features must strike the public—first that such Ministers as are not Home Rulers are Imperialists and that the bulk of them are graduates of Oxford.

THE INTERNATIONAL SANCTUARY.

DESPITE the efforts which are represented by the Alien Immigration Act, no check has yet been put upon the immigration of aliens into England and it would seem as if these too often undesirable guests have made up their minds to avail themselves as much as possible of the [period intervening] between the passing of the Act and its coming into force. At the present time there is a very appreciable increase in the number of arrivals of Russians and Poles in London. Owing to the lax method, which is sanctioned by the Government, of keeping account of the arrival of foreigners, no definite figures are available, but those, connected with the East End, and in a position to know something of what is going on, state emphatically that the emigration trade of the lines plying between Hamburg, Bremen, Amsterdam and other Northern parts and London is more lucrative than ever before. It is not hard to account for the increase in the number of Russians and Poles who are anxious to leave their country, and the majority of them naturally flock to the only open door. The Short Sea Traders' Association states that the immigrants are almost wholly of the class that usually arrives at this time of the year, but the opinion of eye-witnesses is different. The approaching operation of the Act is acting as an incentive to those on the border line of undesirability to make every effort to reach England before the door is closed against them, and the foreign steamship companies, who were the most strenuous opposers of any alteration in the law, are naturally making equal efforts to reap such a harvest as shall compensate them for a loss throughout the next year and after. It is to be hoped that the provisions of the New Act will be enforced with the utmost severity at first, as only by this means can its ultimate efficacy be assured. No one can complain if the standard be made high, for facts have proved that an enormous percentage of the immigrants, although not what is meant by undesirable, are by no means an acquisition to the country. We have on many occasions pointed out what a disastrous effect an open door for immigrants has had and is having upon the labour market, and we think that, even though they be good workmen and peaceful, law-abiding citizens, any aliens, who come into England to take work at wages which are inadequate for Englishmen, are undesirable. There is not the slightest doubt that the enormous number of aliens in the East End of London is responsible for much of the distress prevailing partly by the low wages they demand and partly by the fact that they live in a manner that sends rents up to a preposterous figure. Ninety-nine hundredths of these people arrive in England with scarcely enough to buy a meal. Almost as large a proportion are unable to speak a word of English and the immediate result is that they fall into the clutches of "sweaters" who pay the lowest of continental wages and turn out goods made in England, but certainly not British-made goods. At a later stage many of them turn out good workmen who in certain instances are useful members of society, but at the commencement of their career, every two aliens employed represents an Englishman thrown out of work. It will be long before the effect of the Act is apparent on the labour market. The evil has been going on for too many years for a measure, which everyone, even at the time of its passing, allowed to be inadequate, to make an immediate impression, but that it will ultimately lessen the number of genuine unemployed is certain. Meanwhile we shall have to wait for but a few months to learn from actual figures how necessary it has been for years past. At the same time it must not be forgotten that the obligation to take home the undesirable will make the steamship companies chary of what passengers they carry and that many will be refused transport altogether.

A WANING STAR.

THERE has been a very marked feature in indoor amusements during the last few years, and it is the declining popularity of billiards in favour of bridge. In country houses where billiards was the after dinner event of the evening followed by a game of whist, the order is now bridge before all things and a game of billiards afterwards—if there is time. "Chacun a son gout," but it seems a pity that so admirable a game as billiards should be relegated to a back place by cards. However fascinating it may be, a game of bridge cannot have the same good effects on the players as does "a hundred up." The playing of cards does away with the gentle, but telling, exertion of walking round and leaning over the green cloth, and it cannot be denied that the game makes greater demands on the player in the way of sight and steadiness of hand, than does the drawing room game. But the popularity of bridge has left its mark on billiards to such an extent that, in several London Clubs the tables have been moved into smaller and less comfortable quarters so that the largest space may be available for cards. There can be no reason to regret that card-playing has become more popular—though certain phases of the popularity are not all that one could wish—for the playing of any game of skill is commendable, but there is every reason to deplore the dwindling popularity of the cue, for it seems to bespeak a dwindling of the sporting instinct, a lack of which is the cause of professionalism having taken so strong a hold on all games.

THE P. and O. Company's steamer Peninsular with the outward mails of the 1st instant, left Aden at 2 a.m., on December 11, and is expected to arrive in Bombay at noon on Friday next.

MR. BALFOUR has given his definite reasons for not resigning before. He is not hopeful of much being accomplished by the Liberal Party and looks on the period before a general election as time in which they can formulate a policy.

THE news of Russia reports a serious mutiny of the Manchurian Army accompanied by massacres. Warsaw is reported to have gone over entirely to the mutineer while there are strange rumours about Count De Witte.

THE "Englishman" fund towards Dr. Bacnardo's Memorial Fund has now reached Rs. 2,726.

SIR CURIMBHOY IBRAHIM will be entertained to a dinner by the Islam Club (Chowpaty) on Thursday.

THE earthquake felt at Calcutta, on Saturday night, was also noticed in Sylhet.

THE country round Calcutta is now becoming rideable and the first Paper Chase of the season takes place on Friday.

MR. STEPHEN FINNEY, Manager, North-Western Railway, has been nominated a member of the Punjab Legislative Council.

THE Hon'ble Mr. Hewett, Member of Council for the Commerce Department, is still confined to his room in Calcutta with an attack of phlebitis.

ABOUT 160 lakhs of tolas of silver have been purchased by the Government of India, during the past week for immediate coinage into rupees.

LIEUT. HAYES-SADLER, 7th Gurkha Rifles, has been selected for appointment as Aide-de-Camp to the Commissioner, British East Africa.

YESTERDAY in the Council Hall of the Secretariat Khan Bahadur M. C. Murzban, C. I. E., took the oath of office as Shariff of Bombay before H. E. the Governor.

HIS HIGHNESS SIR SIDI AHMEDKHAN, Nawab of Janjira, accompanied by the ladies of the Zenana, and attended by a retinue of followers, left Bombay for his State on Sunday evening.

A CHINESE youth studying in Japan writes to his people in Shanghai that the Mikado is expected to create Admiral Togo either a Count or a Marquis, and that Vice Admirals Kamimura and Uri are also to be created Peers.

PRINCE RANJITSINHJI, it is said, will leave India in March, in order to be back in England for the cricket season, to which he is looking forward very keenly. He has finished his book, "Rulers of India," and between now and March he will travel in search of big game.

INDIAN GEOGRAPHY, one one has reason to know, is not a strong point with the Home Press. Worthy perhaps to rank with "Black and White's" famous picture of "Mahsuds caught in Burma" is the "Manchester Guardian's" headline, "Officer shot at Bombay" over the announcement of the recent Ghazi outrage "just outside the Bannu Cantonment."

To enable them to proceed to the distribution of invitation cards, the Trustees of the Victoria Memorial Hall at Calcutta, will be obliged if all subscribers to the Memorial Fund of Rs. 250 and upwards, who wish to attend the ceremony will kindly intimate before 15th December their intention and the number of cards that they desire for themselves and the members of their family living with them. As the accommodation is limited, it will ordinarily be impossible to issue more than two cards to each such subscriber.

THE recent journey of Count and Madame de Lesdain from China to India via Tibet will rank high among modern achievements in Central Asian exploration. It appears that they went north from Pekin to Minghsi, and thence north again to the site of some buried cities. They afterwards made their way to the Gobi desert, circuited the Koko Nur Lake, and visited the Tsaidam salt swamps and the sources of the Yangtse River. For over seven weeks they saw none of their fellow-beings, and the solitude must have been terrible. At one time they nearly perished on an upland mud plateau nearly twenty thousand feet above sea-level. At another the Countess fell ill. Only six of their baggage animals lived through the exposure upon the mud plateau and of these two died afterwards. Ultimately, the travellers made their way south by a series of lakes to the Tingri Nor. Thence they marched along the Sanchu River to near Shigatse, which they skirted. Eventually they reached Gyangtse, and so went on to India by the Chumbi Valley. They found the Tibetans friendly throughout the whole of their journey, a result which, it is understood, they attribute to the good effect of Colonel Younghusband's expedition.

"NATIONALISING THE ARMY."

A REJOINDER.

The old trite saying, "There are none so blind as those who won't see," is peculiarly applicable to "Light Infantry" and those who, like him, have no eyes to observe what is going on around them, especially of what they are asked to behold has been produced by Mr. H. O. Arnold-Forster, or if that unfortunate gentleman has been in the remotest way concerned with the achievement. All of this is as unfair as it is unbecoming in British officers, so many of whom appear, unfortunately, to be determined to block the way of progress towards reform in Army matters by the intrusion of ideas of their own, so that the plague of plans has become well-nigh intolerable.

Light Infantry, who has been at such pains in endeavouring to shatter the windows of my chateau en Espagne, falls foul of me for saying on October 19 that at long length the public could take satisfaction to themselves upon the circumstance that the Government had formulated a military prescription and designed a policy to meet it; also, that from the seeming chaos at Pall Mall a new military system is emerging. He denies flatly, first, that the Government has any military policy whatever, and also that any results are emerging from the War Office. Then, if I do not mistake, he proceeds to argue that no policy that is not his own, or meets with his approval, can be a policy, or with propriety be labelled as such.

It would, of course, says "Fusilier in the Pall Mall Gazette," be ridiculous for me to pose as appearing to know nearly as much as Light Infantry asserts that he is acquainted with of the inner councils of the Government and the War Office; but I have yet to learn authoritatively that it is customary for his Majesty's Ministers to make public, or inform any one of, the sides taken, or the attitudes that may be assumed, by particular members of the Cabinet in their discussions on the given or specified, or even any, subjects. What, then, has one to go upon? Well, only the public utterances of our statesmen, and their recorded actions, and those of their respective departments. The speeches and writings not only of the Secretary of State for War, but also of the Prime Minister as well, have been so numerous, when military matters have been under discussion, in the past year, that they are surely too recent to need recapitulation. Mr. Arnold-Forster, in a lengthy communication only a few days ago, made it. I cannot help thinking, abundantly clear that he had not altered his military policy; also that that which he is now engaged in putting into effect was that he had always advocated, since the time he succeeded Mr. Brodrick at the head of affairs in Pall Mall.

That the Secretary of State for War is unsupported by the Government in his actions is an inconceivable condition of affairs, and the theory that such a state of tension exists is impossible of acceptance. The allegation must, therefore, be allowed to pass. But with regard to the statement that no system is emerging from the seeming chaos at Pall Mall, we have the application of the saying that is recalled in the opening sentence of this writing: There are none so blind at those who won't see. It might seem superfluous to remark, but apparently it is not so, that no military system can be designed as a complete entity for any state or nation. A military system has to be evolved, and the process of evolution necessarily entails a good deal of time. At first there may not be much to see. The visible output may not appreciably be very great. But that circumstance does not imply that the process is either abortive or ineffectual. In the present case, however, the output has been very substantial, specially of late. We have seen put into force a system of long-term enlistments designed to re-adjust the balance of Indian and Colonial reliefs. We have also experience the pleasure of being told that the plan has produced a satisfactory result in the short time it has been in operation.

That is only one thing, for have we not witnessed the inauguration of an altogether novel short-service territorialised Army scheme, in a group of selected districts, where, for the newly-organized battalions, there is adequate barrack accommodation, and the local circumstances are such as are believed to be calculated to give the new system a reasonably fair trial—the new system by which it is most of all hoped that our present exotic and costly Army may be brought home to the people, and it be made of them, and they of it; in short, truly "nationalised"? But still even more recently we have seen called into being—at Lichfield, to wit—the first of the proposed grand training depots where, it is hoped and believed, it will be possible to do the work of Army training at less cost, and at the same time more efficiently, of half a dozen or more of the somnolent regimental depot establishments that are to be found scattered about the country.

This it should be allowed, is no inconsiderable story of achievement, and credit should certainly be given for it. But it is not the whole story. More of it could be told if it were required. Time alone is necessary to make it clear to everyone. It is, however, pleasanter to turn to other parts of the communication addressed by "Light Infantry," where he and I are more nearly, if not entirely, in agreement on the subject of military policy, although we may not have expressed ourselves in precisely similar terms. I am perfectly aware, as "Light Infantry" points out that it would be illegal to "order" Militia units for foreign service. They have to volunteer, and it is proposed to permit them to do so, and that is the way the Militia to contribute to the short-service Army, for which, apparently, Light Infantry has so little regard. As to how the Volunteers are to be allowed to contribute their quota to the foreign service Army, it must be allowed that the air is not quite so clear. I admit frankly, with "Light Infantry," that there are grave objections to splitting up the Volunteers into groups such as "stay-at-homes" and "go broads." But whether a better system than that of provisional or composite battalions raised at a moment of emergency could not be devised is altogether another matter.

It must be remembered that the C. I. V. arrangement was not altogether successful. That it was a ruinously costly experiment must be allowed. The Volunteer service companies that served during the Boer war on a year's engagement in the field with battalions of the regiment with which their corps are territorially attached, were raised at a comparatively slight cost and did admirable work. But, accepting the true position of the Volunteer force as that so admirably laid down by "Light Infantry," it is believed that there exists in this country—the matter is, I believe, shortly to be tested—a considerable class of men, adventurous and well-educated, many, perhaps the majority of them, in lucrative and responsible positions who yearn for some form of military service, more substantial in war, wider flung, and earlier and more ready to call than the Volunteer force as it now stands offers; men who would readily join a branch of the Army with liability to serve anywhere when the nation was at war, provided that in times of peace they could be trained, as in another connection Light Infantry puts it so excellently on a system analogous to that followed by the Volunteer force, which would enable them at normal periods to attend their ordinary businesses. Here, then, is the contribution that the Volunteer force, or local Militia, as I should like to have it called, could make to the general (foreign serving) or pre-engaged Militia, or even the short-service Army. This section of society is at present lost to the military cosmogony.

It would be superfluous at this moment to attempt to elaborate these points, and I will refrain, except to add that the argument so briefly put forward by Light Infantry in favour of the military training of boys is a very strong one, and has my entire approval. I should, however, like to add that I hold no brief for Mr. Arnold-Forster, who is a gentleman with whom I have never spoken. But I insist that, in common fairness, he must be given time and a fair chance.

In this position the almost unpardonable manner of the Minister again served him ill, and the old ramshackle buildings have not housed an altogether happy family since. But gentleman, be fair, and, in the language of the street, "Give the man a chance" Don's serve him like a dog with a bad name is said to be served. Save him from the gallows.

THE NEW CABINET.

MR. MORLEY SECRETARY FOR INDIA.

A CURIOUS COMBINATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DEC. 10.

The following is the officially confirmed list of the new Cabinet which His Majesty the King has approved :—

Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, Premier and First Lord of the Treasury.
Sir Robert Reid, Lord High Chancellor.
Mr. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer.
Mr. Gladstone, Secretary of State for Home Affairs.
Sir E. Grey, Secretary for Foreign Affairs.
Lord Elgin, Secretary for the Colonies.
Mr. Haldane, Secretary for War.
Mr. J. Morley, Secretary for India.
Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty.
Mr. Lloyd George, President, Board of Trade.
Mr. John Burns, President of the Local Government Board.
Mr. John Sinclair, Secretary for Scotland.
Lord Carrington, President, Board of Agriculture.
Mr. Sydney Buxton, Post-Master General.
Lord Crewe, President of the Council.
Lord Ripon, Privy Seal.
Mr. Birrell, President, Board of Education.
Mr. Justice Walker, Lord Chancellor of Ireland.
Mr. Harcourt, First Commissioner of Works.
Sir H. Fowler, Chancellor of Duchy Lancaster.
Lord Aberdeen, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.
Mr. Bryce, Chief Secretary for Ireland.

LONDON, DEC. 11.

It is agreed on all sides that Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman has enlisted a Cabinet of the strongest members of his Party, excluding Lord Rosebery.

Even the Unionists admit the Ministry is a good and capable one.

The Ministers will hold their first Council in a few days and fix the date of the elections.

Mr. Balfour is indisposed, his sleep being disturbed by internal pains.

MR. BALFOUR AT MANCHESTER.

Some Truths and Home Truths.

Mr. Balfour, in his speech at Manchester, further said that the necessity for concluding the Japanese Treaty prevented his resignation in July. The remaining great task of redistribution demanded unanimity and enthusiasm, but the Party was distracted by internal controversies on one subject which was giving considerable Parliamentary trouble.

It was the duty of the Government to give their opponents, who boasted of their capacity to perform anything, the opportunity to frame a policy before the turmoil of the elections.

He vigorously denounced the attitude of the Liberals regarding the Chinese labour and hoped they would not make South Africa the pawn of the political game.

PRINCE VON BULOW'S REPLY TO HERR BEBEL.

Germany Arms only for Peace.

Prince von Bulow in the Reichstag, replying to Herr Bebel, said Germany had the same right to build ships as others. He repudiated any hostile designs against England and said that reasonable Englishmen recognised that the German policy was peaceful and the strengthening of her fleet purely defensive.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, DEC. 10.

The death is announced of Sir Richard Jebb, member for Cambridge University.

Sir Richard Claverhouse Jebb Litt. D., D.C.L, LL. D., has been Regius Professor of Greek at Cambridge since 1889 and has sat as Conservative Member for that University since two years later. Born at Dundee in 1841 he was the eldest son of Mr. Robert Jebb, a barrister, and a grandson of the Very Rev. H. Horsley D.D. Few men have had so eventful and busy an academic life. From St. Columba's College, Dublin he went to Charterhouse, thence to Trinity College, Cambridge, graduated as Senior Classic in 1862, became Fellow of his College in the following year and afterwards Lecturer and Fellow of the College while in 1869 he became Public Orator, of the University. From 1875 to 1889 he was Professor of Greek at Glasgow, in 1892 he was appointed Lecturer at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, in 1894 he was appointed on the Royal Commission on Secondary Education and also on the Royal Commission on Irish University Education in 1901, a year after his election as a Member of the Consultative Board of Education. He was President of the London Hellenic Society, a Fellow of London University (since 1897) and was a Member of the London University Commission of 1898. His publications have never been of a kind to appeal to the popular mind, being chiefly editings of the Classics. Amongst his best known works are "Modern Greece" published in 1880, his "Introduction to Homer"(1886) and his "Lectures on Greek Poetry" (1893). He married, in 1874, Caroline Lane, daughter of the Rev. John Reynolds, D.D., and widow of General A. J. Slemmer of the United States Army. He helped to found and was a Trustee of the British School at Athens and was identified with every large educational problem which has been brought up for many years. He was a Hon. Doct. Philos. of Bologna and held the Gold Cross of the Order of the Saviour.

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

ADEN, DEC. 11.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Peninsular, with the English mails of 1st instant, left here for Bombay at 2 a. m. to-day. The same Company's s. s. India left for Colombo and Australia also at 2 a.m. to-day.

LORD KITCHENER AT CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 11.

Lord Kitchener arrived here this morning under the usual salute.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE STATE OF RUSSIA.

Mutiny of the Army in Manchuria.

TERRIBLE MASSACRE.

LONDON, DEC. 10.

Two naval battalions have been arrested at St. Petersburg and conveyed to Kronstadt, the authorities fearing they would side with the workmen in the event of any street disorders.

LONDON, DEC. 11.

The "Daily Telegraph" in a despatch from Tokio states that the Russian Manchurian Army has mutinied and sacked Harbin. The Chunchuses have joined them and burned the railway station and the wheat and flour storehouses.

Many innocent people have been massacred.

The fighting between the loyals and mutineers has been fierce and desperate.

LATER.

One hundred soldiers at Warsaw headed a revolutionary procession when an infantry regiment barred the way and was ordered to fire on the procession, but the regiment refused and the officer who gave the order fled.

It is reported that the whole of the garrison of Warsaw has mutinied.

It is stated that Count de Witte, realising the impossibility of a compromise, has completely gone over to the Reactionaries.

No direct telegrams from Russia are coming through yet.

THE RECENT BLOCK IN THE SUEZ CANAL.

Judgment in the "Chatham" Collision Case.

According to the judgment given in the Admiralty Court, the Clan Cumming is held solely reponsible for colliding with the s. s. Chatham in the Suez Canal.

THE NOBEL PRIZE.

List of Awards.

The Nobel prize for the year has been awarded as follows :—For Medicine to Dr. Koch ; for Physics to Professor Lenard of Kiel ; for Chemistry to Mr. Baeyer of Munich, indigo researches ; for Literature to M. Sienkewiez ; and for Peace to Baronass Suttner.

THE COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN'S FUND.

GRACIOUS MESSAGE FROM LADY MINTO

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC 11.

The following letter has been sent from Government House, Calcutta, to the Honorary Secretaries of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund in India :—

Dear Sir,—I am desired to inform you that Her Excellency the Countess of Minto has now formally taken over the duties of Lady President of the National Association for Providing Female Medical. that Aid to the Women of India. Her Excellency trusts all those who have so cordially assisted Lady Curzon, during the last seven years will continue to give her the same generous and valuable aid in the future. Lady Minto desires that it shall be generally known that she is keenly interested in the work already carried on by her predecessors and that she will use her best endeavours to forward the interests of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund and the Victoria Memorial Scholarship Fund throughout India. Moreover Her Excellency sincerely hopes that the relations of the Central Committee with the provincial and district branches will continue on the same cordial terms as have existed heretofore. Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel W. R. Crooke Lawless of the Coldstream Guards, Surgeon to His Excellency the Viceroy, has now succeeded Major A. J. Macnabb, I.M.S. as Honorary Secretary of the Association and it is requested that communications dealing with its operations may, in future, be sent to him addressed at the Viceroy's Camp. I am, yours, truly E. J. Buck, Assistant Secretary.

THE TEHERAN LEGATION.

APPROVAL OF THE NEW APPOINTMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 11.

The "Indian Daily News," in welcoming the appointment of Mr. Spring-Rice as British Minister at Teheran, says it is unfortunate but nevertheless true that Lord Curzon did not pull well with Sir Arthur Hardinge. Mr. Spring-Rice however as Charge d'Affaires at Teheran was very popular and his promotion to the Charge of the Legation will strengthen our diplomatic position at the capital of the Shah.

THE ACCIDENT TO HOYT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 11.

News of the Jockey, Alfred Hoyt, who was hurt at Lucknow races, is again discouraging, the latest being that the doctors fear a serious injury to his spine.

THE BENGAL POLO TOURNAMENT.

INITIAL ENTRIES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 11.

The following teams have so far entered for the Bengal Polo Tournamen there :—the 14th Cavalry, the Mysore Imperial Service Lancers, the 15th Hussars, the Imperial Cadet Corps, the Royal Dragoon Guards, the Golconda Gymkhana, the 7th Lancers, the Viceregal Staff and the Calcutta Polo Club, two teams.

* The other telegrams will be found on page 6.

THE ROYAL TOUR.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS AT AMRITSAR.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

QUAINT SIKH CEREMONIES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

AMRITSAR, DEC. 11.

Their Royal Highnesses arrived at Amritsar this morning and received an address from the Municipality. The address referred to the previous visit of the King-Emperor thirty years ago and to the progress of the city in the interval. The address was enclosed in a golden temple of silver gilt and ivory.

The Prince in replying to the address said :—

"Gentlemen,—I thank you on behalf of the Princess of Wales and myself for the kind words in which you welcome us to this celebrated city. We are both most anxious to see as much as possible of the famous Centres of India, and we could not leave the Punjab without alighting at the place, which is so dear to those good soldiers, the Sikhs. If time had allowed, we should gladly have prolonged our stay in Amritsar, but even our short visit here will add to those lasting impressions, which we shall carry away with us. Here, as elsewhere, there has been great progress since my dear father visited you thirty years ago, and we rejoice to hear of the increase in your wealth, trade, education and sanitation. It would seem to be most appropriate that the Khalsa College should have been instituted in this city so sacred to the men of the Khalsa. Renowned as is Amritsar for its commerce, it may be that some day it will be equally renowned as the great Centre of Sikh Education. It will please the King-Emperor, to whom I shall gladly tender your loyal expression, to receive your acknowledgment of the peace and prosperity which you enjoy under his rule. We both of us hope that these blessings may long attend you and your city."

From the station their Royal Highnesses drove by the effectively decorated route to the Khalsa College where there was a great gathering of students and others in the shamiana erected in front of the building. The Lieutenant-Governor and Rulers of the Patiala, Nabha, Jhind and Kapurthala were among those present. Their Royal Highnesses were received with the Sikhs' salutation, "Khalsa is from God and victory is through him." The students sang a Sikh hymn and thereafter the Hon. Mr. Justice Rattigan read an address outlining the history of the College founded by the Sikh Chiefs. The foundation stone was laid three years ago. There are now on the rolls 518 boys of whom 104 are boarders, a number which will be doubled when the main block of buildings is completed.

The Prince in replying to the address said :—

"The Princess of Wales joins with me in sincerity thanking the Khalsa College Council and Managing Committee for the kind sentiments to which their address gives expression. We are glad to have the opportunity to-day of visiting this College, which may indeed claim to be representative of the Sikhs, supported as it is by all classes of that community. I appreciate, highly, the manly qualities of the Sikhs, their loyalty and devotion, and it affords me sincere pleasure to find that they have realized the importance of education in the present age and have taken steps to promote its spread among themselves. The future success of the movement depends on their steadfastly maintaining the efforts they have initiated. With the continuing interest of the Venerable Raja of Nabha, who has done so much for the institution, and, with all ranks co-operating, success should be assured. I earnestly trust that the hopes expressed in your address for the completion of the buildings may speedily be fulfilled."

The Managing Committee and staff of the College were then presented. Plans of the complete buildings were inspected and thereafter the Head Master of the school recited a prayer invoking blessings for the King, Queen and their Royal Highnesses.

As the Prince and Princess were leaving the students raised the Sikh cry of "Satt Sri Akal" i. e. God is truth and is eternal.

Their Royal Highnesses lunched in the train and this afternoon visited a carpet factory, afterwards viewing the Golden Temple. Enormous crowds thronged the route to the Clock Tower terrace whence the temple was viewed, and bazaar was decorated with the richest stuffs produced in Amritsar. There were great numbers of people in the vicinity of the Clock Tower, and among the assemblage there were Akals with enormous head dresses ornamented with steel quoits and marigold, others wearing garlands and twelve Ukasi Sadhus with ancient trumpets and horns. When the Prince and Princess arrived at the bazaar a fanfare was sounded and the Sadhus' horns emitted weird sounds.

After viewing the temple from the edge of the terrace and the golden structure showing dully under a cloudy sky, the Prince and Princess were presented with symbols of the Sikh faith, such as were always offered to Sikh rulers when visiting the Golden Temple and are used in Sikh ceremony of initiation. The emblems were miniature copies of Sikh scriptures, silk cloth, a handkerchief, a garland, an arrow, large and small quoits, an iron bracelet and miniature swords, the complete set being presented separately on trays to the Prince and Princess. Their Royal Highnesses departed after this ceremony and a fanfare, the blowing of the ancient horns and Sikhs' cries from the Akalis.

The Ram Bagh was visited privately, The Royal party dined in the train and left shortly after ten for Delhi.

ALTERATION OF CALCUTTA PROGRAMME.

THE PRINCE TO REST AT DARJEELING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 11.

A slight change has been made in the Royal Programme here to give the Prince two nights' and one day's rest at Darjeeling—an interlude which his Royal Highness is likely to be badly in need of after the heavy series of functions prepared for him here. The Convocation will now be held on the Friday morning to enable a start to be made for Darjeeling that afternoon.

A SINGULAR INDIAN CEREMONY.

We noticed a day or two ago, writes the "Statesman," the amusing attempt of the "Daily Chronicle" to describe the ceremony with which the Indian ladies of Bombay welcomed the Princess of Wales. The mail papers to hand this week show that the honours of the occasion do not altogether remain with our esteemed London contemporary, who has been worsted by Reuter's special correspondent. That gentleman cabled to England an interesting message, descriptive and explanatory of the Indian rites with which the Princess was welcomed. We extract the following delightful passage :—"Probably the most interesting, and certainly the most novel, experience of the Princess was the purdah held in the Town Hall immediately after the stone-laying, while the Prince was visiting the dockyard and flagship. The purdah is a native ceremony which no mere man is ever allowed to witness under ordinary circumstances, but nevertheless I was privileged to have a peep at the mysterious ritual."

SIR SASSOON J. DAVID AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

ENTERTAINMENT AT WARDEN ROAD.

As a mark of the great esteem and respect in which Sir Sassoon and Lady David are held by the member of their community, the Jews of Bombay recently organised an Entertainment Committee to give suitable expression to their appreciation of the gracious act of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales in conferring the distinction of knighthood on their highly respected coreligionist Sir Sassoon David. The Committee of which Mr. S. A. Nathan was the Secretary, gave in this connection an afternoon party at the residence of Mr. S E. Shellim in Warden Road on Sunday, to which the Jewish community in Bombay, were invited, among those present were Sir Sassoon and Lady David, Mr. Percy David, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Nathan, Mrs. Flora Sassoon, Miss Sassoon, Mr. D. S. Sassoon, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss J. E. Ezra, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Nissim, Mr. and Mr. D. S. Shellim, Mr. R. H. S Isaac, Mr D. J. Isaacs Mr. and Mrs. and Miss S. Benjamin, Mr. and Mrs and Miss R. J. Mathalone, Mr. D. Ezra, Mr. A Ezra, Mr and Mrs. James Nissim and others. The grounds of Mrs. Shellim's bungalow were tastefully decorated, and illuminated with Kitson lights and Japanese lanterns. A String Band played selections of music, while the guests were regaled with ices and refreshments. Mr. S. A. Nathan in proposing the toast of the evening which was received with enthusiastic cheers said :—

Sir Sassoon and Lady David.—Ladies and Gentlemen,—On behalf of those who have gathered here this evening, I beg you, Sir Sassoon, to permit me to offer you, in the name of the Jewish Community represented in this Hall, our sincere and hearty congratulations on the honour which His Majesty the King Emperor, has recently conferred on you at the hands of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I can assure, you, Sir that we not only regard it as an honour to yourself individually, but as a compliment to the entire Jewish community of Bombay, who have always looked upon you, as their sincerest friend and well-wisher, and whose welfare has, always, met with your solicitude. It is unnecessary to dilate on your good qualities, your kindness of heart and your ever increasing desire to do good to all those who come in constant contact with you. Indeed all your citizen friends, official and unofficial, of all classes if, I have interpreted their feelings correctly, not only regard the knighthood, which has been conferred upon you as a fitting reward, but as a compliment to the City of Bombay, where you have laboured and done so much for the good of its people. As one of the pioneers of the Mill Industry in Bombay, you have always taken an important part in the deliberations of the Mill-owners' Association, and as its Chairman for the past two years you have also identified yourself with the many important mercantile questions that have come up for discussion from time to time. As a man of business your success in life has, if I may say so, been entirely due to your far-sightedness and enterprise to say nothing of your personal popularity in the commercial world. As a member of the Municipal Corporation of Bombay, of its Standing Committee, the City Improvement Trust, and other public bodies, you are known to have cherished the most liberal views, and to have shown at all times the tact and moderation which are so characteristic of you. We have always regarded you as a man of action and not of words, and the stamp of your ability and incessant activity is traceable in all your transactions. The proof of this, and your public spirit and usefulness as a citizen, was shown some seven months ago, when H. E. the Governor appointed you to the shrievalty of Bombay, the duties of which office you have discharged with dignity. The old saying "Finis coronat opus" may therefore be fittingly applied to you. To ourselves individually you have always shown the warmest regard and, to our poorer brethren you have at all times extended the right hand of good fellowship. Before I conclude I have to thank Mr. and Mrs. Shellim, for their kindness in placing their magnificent bungalow at our disposal. Ladies and Gentlemen, I will now ask you to drink the health of our esteemed friend and well-wisher Sir Sassoon David and that of his good Lady to both of whom I offer our very sincerest congratulations and all good wishes for their future happiness and welfare.

Sir Sassoon in reply expressed his thanks to Mr. Nathan and the Jewish community as follows :—

"Mr. Nathan, ladies and gentlemen,—I am deeply indebted to you for the honour you have done me in getting up this entertainment as a token of the appreciation with which the Jewish community has received the Gracious Act of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in conferring on me the honour of knighthood, I wish I could find words to express to you how deeply touched both Lady David and I are at receiving this token of good will and esteem at the hands of the Jewish community. Mr. Nathan, with his usual fluency, has, in a very able speech, made a most good natural reference to my business and public career, and I am deeply grateful to him for his complimentary remarks, and for the kindly spirit in which they have been conceived. If I have done anything to deserve to any extent what has been said of me, I have only done my humble duty ; and if I have succeeded in some measure in deserving any recognition, it is due to the kind encouragement which I have always received at the hands of friends and well-wishers to persevere to the best of my abilities in trying to make myself useful to my fellow citizens. To those amongst us here, this afternoon, who are still on the threshold of their career, it should therefore be an encouragement to mark, as they do in my humble case, that a life of public usefulness for the welfare of not only one class or creed, but for that of all our fellow-citizens, and a life not solely devoted to the attainment of wealth, is sure in the end to bring its own reward, and, I therefore earnestly hope that the new generation of our community will be encouraged in their turn to attach higher importance to a life of catholic and unsectarian usefulness than to the pursuit of wealth for its own sake. They must cheerfully bear in mind that their efforts will be rewarded with the same readiness and generosity with which Government and Royalty are always prepared to recognise public spirited usefulness. It is our duty by our individual efforts to continue to deserve, as subjects of our King-Emperor, the liberal minded treatment which we as Jews receive throughout the British Empire, as compared with the unthinkable sufferings endured by millions of our co-religionists in Russia, even at this very moment. Having expressed myself as what I should be very delighted to see accomplished by the new generation of our community, I will now with your permission, Ladies and Gentlemen, turn to the agreeable task of acknowledging my own and Lady David's indebtedness to Mr. and Mrs. Shellim for their kind co-operation with the Entertainment Committee in rendering this gathering, where I see so many familiar faces, as pleasant as possible by lending them their Residence for the occasion. To them, to Mr. Nathan the Hongrary.-Secretary, and to every member of this Jewish Entertainment Committee, I am deeply grateful for giving us this opportunity to thank them and also the whole Jewish community for their goodwill towards me and mine, and for their kindness in giving expression to it in such a charming and hospitable manner. I have had the pleasure of counting Mr. Nathan amongst my sincerest friends for a very large number of years, and I know that when he undertakes to do anything he does it excellently well. I shall therefore ask you. Ladies and Gentlemen, to join me in wishing Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Nathan good health, long life and continued prosperity."

The healths of H. M. the King and T.R. H. the Prince and Princess of Wales having been also most enthusiastically drunk, the entertainment which formed a most interesting and memorable event in the annals of the Jewish community of Bombay was brought to a termination by the Band playing "God save the King."

The Yeotmal Social Club and the mercantile community of Yeotmal have sent their hearty congratulations on the Knighthood conferred on Sir Sassoon J. David by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

THE vicar of St. John's Gainsborough, says that a boy in his Sunday School gave the following account of Elijah :—"Elijah, the prophet, was carried into heaven by a whirlwind, and the children stood up and cried, 'Go up, thou bald head ! Go up, thou bald head !' and before he went up he divided the Red Sea."

BOMBAY EDUCATION SOCIETY.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AND SPEECH BY H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

Quite an interesting event was the annual gathering of scholars and friends of the Bombay Education Society at the Schools at Byculla yesterday afternoon. A large number of well wishers foregathered in the prettily decorated barn-like outbuildings of the school, where a stage had been erected for the occasion, and adorned with greenery. Among those invited to the function were :—The Hon. Sir Lawrence and Lady Jenkins ; Hon. r. Fulton ; Mr. Justice and Mrs. Batty ; Sir Sassoon and Lady David ; Mr. Justice and Mrs. Aston ; Surgeon-General J. P. Greany ; Revd. and Mrs. R. S. Haywood ; Lt-Col. and Mrs. Collie ; Revd. G. R. Courtice ; Revd. and Mrs. H. Lloyd Arnold ; Lt-Col. J. P. Barry ; Revd. Canon and Mrs. Ledgard ; Major Yarr ; Capt. E. H. Bayford ; Major C. S. Baynes : Dr. J. F. Pouno ; Mr. and Mrs. Wagstaff ; Mr. and Mrs. Sane ; Mr. and Mrs W. F. Hamilton ; Mr. F. Whymper ; Mr. and Mrs Procter ; Mr. Rhenius ; Mr. and Mrs. Hammett ; Mr. S. J. and Miss. Sarjant ; Mr. and. Mrs. Dunn ; Mr. and Mrs. Bowen ; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Read.

The school prizes were tastefully displayed on the stage. Promptly at five o'clock the arrival of his Excellency Lord Lamington was heralded by rousing cheers and his Excellency at once proceeded to inspect the school Cadets, who were drawn up on the green in front of the schools, as a Guard of Honour, looking very gallant in their soldierly khaki uniforms. Lord Lamington's appearance amongst the children was hailed with cheers and his Excellency was accommodated with a seat on the stage. The report of the school year (which appears below) having been read his Excellency the Governor made an interesting congratulatory speech from the dais. Having referred to the frequent occasions upon which Governors of the Presidency were called upon to attend school prize distributions, his Excellency said there was always one difficulty in the arrangement, which was that though it was always a Governor's pleasant duty to congratulate the pupils, it was not so easy to find fitting terms in which to express his appreciation of the work of the teachers. He had been looking at the report issued by the school last year, when the Right Rev. the Bishop of Bombay took the leading part, and he thought that on that occasion his Lordship exhausted all the terms of congratulation that could possibly occur to his (Lord Lamington's) mind. However, he thought he ought to be able to go one better than the Bishop, and he was happy to note that the report which had just been read showed that the schools were better even than in 1904. The Report showed that the activity of the schools had been well-maintained—as well in the educational field as in that of the playground. He was gratified to be received on his arrival there by a Guard of Honour of the boys of the school, and he was glad to learn that the Cadet Corps now numbered seventy pupils. They were very keen about their duties, and he understood that that keenness found a place not only in the work of the Cadet Corps, but in the work of the school generally and in everything that appertained to the progress of the boys and girls. The teachers were to be congratulated on the great successes which they had achieved. For the fifth year the Giles Junior Cricket shield had been won by the boys. That was much to be proud of. (Cheers). He was bound to say that, owing to the foresight of the originators of the schools, ample playing fields had been ensured to the pupils. That greatly encouraged sport and afforded facilities for the various successes they had obtained. It must be very gratifying to the boys and girls who might not be permanently resident in this country to find that there was an institution of that character, interesting itself so greatly in education, and there was no doubt the pupils took the greatest advantage of the training offered to them. There was one particular feature in the schools, and that was the religious training given there. It was worthy of notice that practical-minded people like the Germans did not believe it possible to have a successful training for the young unless it was based on religion. They could have no morality without religion, and no fine idea of character unless religion was at the bottom of it. It was under those high religious auspices that the school work was carried on, and he believed that its success was largely due to the fact that the responsible authorities over those schools did realise that the inculcation of religion was one of the prime objects of their curriculum. Without religion there could be no true patriotism, and he hoped that all the boys and girls educated there would become true patriots and lovers of their country ; (applause) ; and he hoped also that the time they were spending at the schools was the real opportunity of their lives, which was not merely to acquire learning, but to form those habits by which they would conduct themselves when they grew up. (Cheers). They must also try to learn the merits of concentration, for when they had once learnt them, their success was ensured in any path of life that was open to them. He did not necessarily mean that they were all going to rise to the top of the tree, but education combined with concentration gave everybody possessing it the opportunity of living free lives in an independent way, so that they might trust to themselves and rely only on their own exertions and character. In those periods of life when they had leisure they should have the proud feeling that they had those habits of mental training, and could thus be independent in their judgment of the voices and opinion of others. That was the true essence of their training—practical independence in after life. He trusted that those who had not won prizes would not be discouraged by the fact that they were not winners. They could obtain successes by fitting themselves for useful and manly careers in after life. He would again congratulate the authorities of the school for the excellent training and instruction they gave the pupils who attended there. (Cheers).

THE SCHOOL REPORT.

The numbers of the schools have been well maintained The total number of children at present on the books in the combined schools is 303, as compared with 302 at the end of last year. Out of those boys who have left the school this year, twenty-five were old enough to take up work, and all entered at once into some profession or trade, no difficulty being found in providing employment for them. The boys' school was examined by Mr. A. L. Covernton, the Inspector of European Schools, assisted by Mr. Taki, on the 2nd of November. The following extracts are taken from his report :—"The school continues to win successes in the fields of work and play. Of three boys sent up for Matriculation, three passed, and the School now claims to have passed 15 out of 17 sent up for the examination during the last five years. One senior and one Junior Government Scholarship were obtained. Miss Ashworth notes an improvement in the Kindergarten Class and praises the teaching of French in the Girls' School. I found the boys equally well prepared in Latin. The teaching of Mathematics continues to be good. In both Schools, the Arithmetic of the girls being better than is usually achieved in Girls' Schools. The teaching of History and Geography is capable of improvement. For this an essential is some kind of reference library for teachers and boys alike. "The physical training supplied be the Schools continues to be of a high order. The cadets are numerous and well trained. In shooting "A" team stood first and "B" team second, and the silver and two bronze medals were won by boys of the School. The younger boys also go through an excellent course of exercise. In games, the School more than maintains its own, holding the Aga Khan Hockey Cup and Giles Junior Cricket Shield. The girls practice Swedish drill under the careful teaching of Mrs. Maconce, and also play hockey. Four boys have obtained certificates from the "School of Art", for passing the 1st Grade Examintion in Drawing. In the Government Scholarship Examination our Senior Scholar headed the list. Both the boys sent up for the Entrance Examination for the Subordinate Medical Department have passed, as has also another boy who Matriculated last year. Of the Matriculants from this School who entered Colleges, one has passed his P. E. and another, who graduated from the Wilson College, carried off the prize for Scripture offered by the College. An attempt has been made to brighten the work of the School by the introduction of a little singing. Special attention has been paid to physical drill and outdoor games. The boys have responded heartily and carried off all the trophies within their reach. Mr. Millard has always taken great pains with the Hockey of the Schools, and his skilful and patient coaching put our team in the finals for three or four years consecutively, and has this year helped to secure the Aga Khan Junior Hockey Cup for the School.

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SPORT IN ENGLAND.

New Zealanders at Glasgow.

NEWCASTLES REVENGE UPON THE CUPHOLDERS.

DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT IN LACROSSE.

LONDON, Nov. 24.

The New Zealand football team met a Glasgow side yesterday, and won by two goals and four tries to nothing. The New Zealanders left an exceedingly poor impression, and although they scored a wide victory, the team opposed to them was an indifferent one lacking in the very essential of weight forward. In pure genuine football, however, the Scotsmen were superior. The wide formation behind, and playing up to their two speedy men gave the New Zealanders all their points. The passing of the New Zealand backs was wild and erratic. At dribbling and all-round footwork their forwards were poor, but the fine training of the men and the sprinters they have with them did what was necessary. Playing with a gale of wind and rain in the first half they only scored twice, but the usual tale came at the last. The tactics of the New Zealanders raised time upon time loud and emphatic protests from the crowd, and there was heard occasionally the unusual sound for a Scottish Rugby match of booing and hissing at the Colonials. The warning the referee administered to one Colonial made it clear that there was ground for the spectators' displeasure. The game was not a good one to watch. The Scotch team was not strong, but they played the purer football. Flashing sprints by the Colonial backs were the chief feature of the winner's game.

One has to go back to November 1st, 1902, to find a parallel for the overwhelming reverse which Aston Villa encountered at the hands of Newcastle United. Everyone who is ordinarily informed in football matters appreciates the merits of New Castle United. Their play last season in League matches was the great feature of the campaign, and, although they were overwhelmed by Aston Villa in the English Cup final, one game counts for little. On general form Newcastle were undoubtedly the cleverest side in the country, but Aston Villa at home have for years been all but invincible, and some of their displays before their own spectators this season have been up to the highest standard. The Villa had to take the field without Brawn, Bache, Windmill, and Evans (for Miles, who is still unwell) at full back. Garratt (late of Crewe Alexandra), Cantrill, Hadley, and Noon were the understudies, and one can say at once that, with the exception of Garratt, who was a thorough success, the other three were a source of great weakness to the Villa team. Having said this much, however, the first duty is to warmly congratulate Newcastle upon giving the Birmingham spectators one of the greatest football treats they have ever seen. There was something bewildering about the close passing of the Newcastle vanguard, and every man in the half-back line seemed to possess a forward's full ability. Veitch was always joining in the attack, and cleverer foot-work than Newcastle showed one need not expect to see.

All the passing was done with that rapidity which was characteristic of Preston North End and Sunderland in years gone by. Howie and Orr, in particular, seemed able to juggle with the ball, and Appleyard's strong, bustling work is just what is required to give effectiveness to the work of the other forwards. Veitch was merely the best of a fine trio of halves, and McCombie and McCracken kicked accurately, and were not averse to throwing plenty of vigour into their play. McCombie at times erred somewhat in this direction, but one is loth to say anything against so fine a side. The Villa never seemed to have a show in the game. They were tow goals down at the interval. Veith and Or scoring, and Orr skilfully obtained a point after the interval. Towards the end the Villa became quite ragged and then spurted in the last seven minutes, but Newcstle gave one the idea that they had eased up prior to that time. The best feature of the Villa's forward work was the clever display given by Garratt, who has been playing well with the Reserves. He showed infinite pluck, and being well fed in the first half, was the most prominent forward on the side. Hampton worked hard, but there was no cohesion about the line, and Hall seemed lost without Bache. Noon was weak at back, and Hadley unsatisfactoy at half ; an immense amount of work devolved upon Spencer, and he faced it heroically. There would have been a larger crowd except that the kick-off took place at 2-30, and this always keeps some thousands away.

The annual report of the Committee of the Lancashire County and Manchester Cricket Club has been issued. The Committee congratulate the members on another satisfactory season. Financially the year's results have been most gratifying, and though the county did not as in 1904, secure the championship, the merit of being placed second during a memorable Australian year is not inconsiderable. In the county championship competition 25 matches were played, twelve were won, three were lost, ten drawn, and one abandoned in consequence of rain. To the strain of these matches was added that of two games with the Australians, a Test match at Old Trafford, in which four Lancashire cricketers took part, and an exciting tie match at Blackpool against an England eleven. It is felt that the thanks of the cricketers of the county are due to the players, both amateur and professional. The batting averages, as compared with those of 1904, show a greater measure of consistency, and, without wishing to be invidious, the Committee call attention to the marked progress made by Mr. L. O. S. Poidevin—who for the first time heads the averages Sharp, and Mr. A. H. Hornby in this department of the game. They desire also to recognise afresh the skilful captaincy of Mr. A. C. MacLaren, and the ready and valuable assistance given them in Mr. MacLaren's absence by Mr. A. H. Hornby and Mr. R. H. Spooner.

In bowling, the Committee feel that the eleven were less efficiently equipped. The unfortunate illness of Hallows weakened the attack very considerably. Mr. W. Brearley bowled magnificently, and Kermode ably supplemented his efforts by taking over 100 wickets. Mr. Brearley created a new record in Lancashire cricket by surpassing the bowling achievements of any other amateur who has played for the county, but his strong right arm lacked just that measure of support, which, with Hallows and Cuttell in the form of 1904, would have made Lancashire the finest all-round side in the country. The Committee record with regret that Mr. Brearley has announced his intention of retiring from first class cricket, and they have expressed to him the hope that he may yet find time to play occasionally for Lancashire. The advent of Cook, though it came late in the season, was particularly welcome and the Committee thank the Enfield Club for so loyally placing their professional at the disposal of the country. Congratulations are offered to the four Lancastrians who represented England in the Test matches—Messrs. A. C. MacLaren, R. H. Spooner, W. Brearley, and Tyldesley who at the time of Lancashire's disaster at Bristol, were playing for the cricketing honour of the country at Lord's. The defeat by Gloucestershire of the weakened Lancashire side lost them the championship. Accompanying the report is the annual statement of hon. treasurer showing a handsome surplus and a considerable increase in the number of members.

No greater sign of the democratic spirit that is ruling the lacrosse life in the North of England can be adduced than a list of the players that are now regularly chosen to represent their county. Be it Cheshire or Lancashire—since the Harrogate Club decayed there has been no attempt to form a Yorkshire representative twelve—the team chosen will be found to contain names of players whose clubs are not in the first flight of the League that leads. The first five clubs of the first division of the League seem to provide the defence, and the second five clubs of the same division the attack, part of a county team. Recently the Lancashire team was [illegible] go to Oxford to play the University on [illegible]

the old days the team would have been chosen solely from the Lancashire First League clubs' which at the moment of choosing the team happened to be doing the best, and no thought would have been given for a moment to the claims of the players in other clubs, however good they may have been. The Lancashire team is not the strongest that could have been chosen, and it is likely that a much different team will be chosen against Cheshire; but it is certainly good enough to prove capable of defeating Oxford by a good margin of goals, for Oxford are not going so strong this year as last. Manchester University, go up on the 2nd December to play Oxford University, and on the Monday following Cambridge University. They also should win both matches, for the full Owens College team is prepraed to make the journey.

Sensibly enough, the Oxford president has decided upon some eleventh-hour changes. Shuffling a crew at this late stage may appear suicidal to some but this is a "year of plenty." There is a plethora of first-class oarsmen, especially heavy-weights, and Mr. Evans's difficulty after Christmas will be whom to leave out. Nor is it enough that the Trial Eights men separately should be good. Each must "fit into his proper place." Above all it was necessary that the crews be evenly weighted and otherwise well matched, so that the trial of strength at Moulsford should be a real test. The salient features of the rearrangemant of seats have been the changing of the respective No. sevens and the installation of H. C. Bucknall (Merton) as stroke of No. II. crew. That the changes are for the better most rowing men are agreed. Bucknall brings his Putney experience to bear, of course, while A. C Gladstone (stroke of No. 1. crew) gained praise for his masterly work at the same thwart in the Eton eight at Henley last July. Rarely have two more accomplished strokes been in opposition in the Trial Eights while the men behind them are giving a very pleasing exposition.

The National Cyclists' Union held a general council meeting in London recently, at which it was decided to adopt stringent measures for the purpose of preventing the entrance of all persons, other than competitors, officials, or bona fide attendants, into the dressing-rooms at sports meetings. The object is to prevent, as far as possible, collusion between betting men and competitors. On the proposition to revert to the old system of compelling all competitors (whether "first year" men or not) to take out licences, there were only 21 votes for to 17 against. The higher number of votes fell short of the necessary two thirds majority, and so the proposal was lost. It was ruled that a cyclist cannot be considered a bona fide member of his club until at least one calender month after his election. A proposition amplifying handicapping rules was defeated.

INDIAN GRANITE IN THE NEW DOCKS.

INTERESTING DECISION.

As the result of their recent enquiries the Port Trustees at their last meeting resolved to use Indian Granite not only in preference to British Granite for parts of the dock's entrances, but also for the copings of the Dock Walls, and altars of the Dry Dock in preference to the ordinary blue trap used in the older docks. It is argued that Granite copings will be practically indestructible whereas the blue stone weathers badly, requires continual renewals, and has to be protected from the wear of the crane wheels by cast-iron plates. There are to be upwards of 33,000 lineal feet, or over 6 miles of coping in the new docks, and the importance of using a durable material is apparent. The cost, if ranite be used, is estimated at Rs. 8 1/2 lakhs, which is a little over Rs. 60,000 more than blue trap would cost. Against this has to be set a saving of Rs. 50,000 in the cost of Tramplates, and a recurring annual saving in the cost of repairs and renewals.

The saving in cost by using Indian Granite in the entrances is estimated at little under a lakh, as it is intended that some of the larger stones requiring very fine dressing to complicated patterns shall be obtained from Great Britain.

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It is to be hoped that the letters D. D. which appear at the foot of an article on Parrots, in the "Madras Mail," do not carry their usual significance of an academical degree. After some interesting general "information" D. D. concludes, "I am sometimes asked by those who keep parrots how to make them talk. This is not an easy question to answer. Some birds are much more ready to learn, than others. I do not consider that the various Indian species make such good talkers as some other kinds, as for example the West African Parrot—the grey one with the red tail. Nevertheless what follows applies indiscriminately to all species of parrot. If you want to make a bird learn quickly to talk use plenty of bad language before it. It is really wonderful how rapidly a parrot will pick up swear words. There appears to be an inclusiveness about them which appeals to parrot nature. As a rule it require much patience to teach a parrot anything except swear words. Constant repetition of the same sound before the bird is necessary. The gramophone is said to make the best teacher. The instrument should be made to repeat slowly and steadily the phrase it is desired to teach the bird and placed quite close to the parrot's cage, which should be covered up. A word of warning to those who try this up-to-date methods of instruction. Polly's lesson should not last much longer than ten minutes, and only one a day be given; otherwise the poor bird may get brain fever."

THE WEATHER.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 11TH DECEMBER.

Amritsar.—Weather continues fine. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Hissar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Mooltan—Cloudy, but no rain. Weather unsettled. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Delhi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Agra.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton arriving in small quantities.

Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Beawar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton arriving in small quantities.

Amraoti.—Seasonable. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Khamgaon.—Dewfall insufficient. Cotton picking general.

Dhulia.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops. Crop prospects generally good.

Broach.—Bright, fair weather. Easterly wind. Cotton plants in flower and showing bolls. Cotton picking generally. Crop prospects generally good All crops doing well.

Viramgaon.—Bright, no signs of rain. Cotton plants in flower.

Wadhwan.—Cotton plants flourishing and showing bolls but want fine weather.

Dhoiera.—Cotton healthy and arrivals expected early. Crop prospects generally good.

Bhavnagar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable.

Hubli.—Bright no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally. Mornings cold.

Bellary.—Mornings cold and dewy. Rain much needed generally. Absence of rain causes anxiety.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON MONDAY, THE 11TH DEC.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has increased everywhere the rise having been brisk at Ranagiri, Jamnagar and Deesa.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been moderate to light.

Temperature.—The variations of the maximum temperature show a defect of 5° to 11° at Ahmednagar, Sholapur, Poona, Hoshangabad and Sangor while those of the minimum a defect of from 5° to 11° at several stations. The highest temperature in the shade was 96° at Cochin and the lowest 39° at Jubbulpore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy at Madras, Asola, Amraoti, Nagpur, Sirsa, Lahore, Jacobabad and Jask.

Rain.—Jask reports about half an inch.

Weather appears to be fine with unusual cold nights over the greater part of the country.

N. LESLIE,

Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

THE HON. MR. GOKHALE AT POONA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DEC. 11.

A crowded public meeting was held to-day in the Reay Market square in honour of the Hon. Mr. Gopal Krishna Gokhale who had been to England and arrived in Poona yesterday morning. Dr. M. G. Deshmukh of Bombay presided.

Mr. Tilak moved the principal resolution, thanking Mr. Gokhale and Mr. Lalla Lajpatrai for the splendid services rendered to the Congress cause in England as members of the Congress deputation. Mr. Tilak expressed admiration of the successful completion of the responsible task requiring enthusiasm and at the same time self-restraint. He said difficulties of the task could be appreciated only by those who ever attempted the like, and remained content with observing that though that meeting was not the occasion for discussing the burning questions of the day, he was sure the Congress would make proper pronouncement of the same. Seth Ramnarain Amarchand, a leading merchant, and Mr. Karandikar, a High Court pleader, supported the resolution.

Mr. Gokhale expressed his cordial thanks in a brief but suitable speech. He said what was done was only an infinitesimal fraction of what yet remained to be done here and in England.

The proceedings terminated with garlanding and vociferous cheering. About 5,000 people were present representing all classes. Among those present were Dr. Bhandarkar, Professor Kathavle, Principal Paranjpe, Professor Bijapurkar, Rao Baha. durs Patwardhan and Pendse, Messrs. Framji Ghaswalla, Jaffer Jusuff, Haji Cassum Ladha and number of College Professors, teachers, lawyers, merchants and others of the local gentry.

Mr. Gokhale leaves Poona to-morrow for Calcutta to attend the Viceregal Council meeting.

A GRUESOME FRONTIER REPORT.

KILLED BY INCHES DURING THREE DAYS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 11.

A report on the North Eastern Frontier for the last year has been published here and gives particulars of the gruesome offences which the Wellaung expedition which started a few weeks ago had been deputed to punish. It appears that last April three Lungno villagers from British territory were induced to visit Wellaung which is a powerful village in the unadministered tracts of the Chin Hills to trade. They were then seized and bound and the official report states, were shot at for three days with arrows which were not allowed to penetrate too deep into the flesh. Ultimately they were killed and their bodies decapitated. One of the men before being put to death, the report adds, grimly had the ends of his finger and toes cut off and then forced to drink his own blood.

THE COURT MARTIAL ON LIEUT. GAYE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 11.

The Court Martial here upon Lieutenant Ambrose Gaye has been adjourned sine die, the prisoner being informed that he will be notified if it re ssembles.

SIR ARCHIBALD HUNTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DEC. 11.

Sir Archibald Hunter arrived from Rawalpindi this evening.

THE NEW "CITY CLUB."

A SUCCESSFUL INAUGURATION.

THERE was a big muster of fair women and brave men in the rooms at the top of Albert Building, Hornby Road, last night, when, in a felicitous speech, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aston declared the "City Club" of Bombay to be an accomplished fact. The Club chambers, large and airy, and easily accesible by means of a lift, were tastefully decorated for the occasion. A concert followed the inaugural speech, to which Mr. Seymour Dove, Mr. H. O. Coates, Mr. John Gunn, Mr. G. Tweddle, Miss Short, Mr. H. G. Clark and Mr. W. Tyler, contributed. Already a hundred members have been enrolled, and the crowd of waltzers chased the glowing hours with flying feet till the early hours. The City Club is likely to become a feature of the social life of Bombay. Mr. Tucker and Mr. Guidera are the Honorary Secretaries and they know the business of pleasure! The Club had its origin in a desire on a part of a company of young Englishmen who were wont to meet at the Rev. Father George's rooms, to promote social, recreative, and athletic fraternity amongst their fellow countrymen in the City, and the success of their effort appears to be already assured. Bombay is a dull place in the matter of amusements and the City Club which owes much to the enthusiasm of the Rev Mr. Foote has our heartiest wishes for its prosperity

ARRIVAL OF THE R. I. M. S. DUFFERIN.

THE Royal Indian Marine Steamer Dufferin Commander Lt. L. S. Warden, which sailed from, Bombay on the 18th November with Lord and Lady Curzon for Suez, returned to Bombay yesterday. She left Suez on the 30th November, and called at Aden. She brought the following passengers :—From Suez Mrs. D. F. Vines, and 2 children; From Aden Captain Mrs. Swethenham, and child, Lieutenant Hill, R. E, Lieutenant Shine, 116th Mahrattas, Second Mistress Oakley, husband and 5 children, Assistant Surgeon Otto, wife and 2 children, 3 children of Assistant Surgeon George, Mr. M. X. D. Menzes, Mr. Frank Peters, Miss Partley, Mr. Pereira and 3 children, 2 European soldiers and 65 deck.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS, DECEMBER 11.

Major T C Hughes, 43rd Regt, on duty, to Elmpura.
Major Budd, 116th Mahrattas, on duty, from Poona.
Lt. A Reynolds, 37th Lancers, on leave, from Loralai.
Major Gibbs, Bedford Regt, on leave, from Jhansi.
Lt G D Tillard, R E, on leave, from Kirkee.
Lt R H Montgomery, The Welsh Regt, on leave, from Quetta.
Lt C S Langdale, West Riding Regt, on leave, from Fort William.

DEPARTURES DECEMBER 11.

Lt E L Maxwell, 11th Lancers to rejoin from Ravalpindi.
Lt-Col N A K Burne, 40th Pathans, off leave, to Jhelum.
Lt H C Mackenzie, R A M C, on duty, to Meerut.
Captain D B Walker, 15th Hussars, on leave, to England.
Major F Wynch, 37th Dogras, from furlo. to Nowgong.
Major G de H Smith, C I Horse, on duty, to Agor.
Major D Baker, 102nd Grenadiers, on furlo, to England.
Capt N Wood, R E from furlo, to Poona.
Capt G S Palmer, 93th Inft, from leave, to Aurungabad.
Lt J P Thompson, 35th S Horse, on leave, to England.
Capt J H Hugo, 1 M S, 35th S Horse on leave, to England.

BOMBAY CORPORATION.

AN adjourned meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was held, yesterday, in the Municipal Hall, the Hon. Sir P. M. Mehta, presiding.

MEDICAL AID FOR THE BACKWARD CLASSES.

Dr. Viegas, according to notice of motion, moved 'That the Commissioner be requested to obtain from the Health Officer and place before the Corporation a report as to whether the want of nurses belonging to the backward classes is not felt, and, if so, whether it is desirable, with a view to create a class of such nurses to encourage young women of the backward classes to receive instruction in midwifery and nursing, and, if so, he (the Commissioner) be requested to suggest a feasible scheme for giving financial assistance to them for the purpose." Dr. Viegas said some time ago nurses were introduced in the Municipal service, and had been doing extremely good work among the poorer classes. He thought it was desirable to approach the poor people through the medium of these of their own classes, and that the Municipality should come forward to give assistance to such classes in order that they might be educated in the primary rules of hygiene.

Dr. D. E. Wacha was of opinion that a report on the subject would be of no benefit unless the details were worked out by Dr. Viegas himself and a cut and dry scheme should be brought forward.

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim thought the scheme was very comprehensive, but it would be very difficult to reach the poor classes. There was a great reluctance among certain classes to employ nurses who were provided free of charge. The Corporation had first to determine how many nurses they intended to employ, and then to see if they could get them.

Dr. Viegas said he had refrained from going into details, but as he had been asked to formulate a scheme, he would have great pleasures in doing so with the permission of the Corporation. He simply asked for a report from the Health Officer as to whether such a scheme was feasible.

On being put to the vote, the motion was lost.

CITY IMPROVEMENT INTERIM REPORT.

The meeting considered the ad interim report of the Committee appointed regarding a proposed representation to the City Improvement Trust for the improvement of certain areas in the city. The Committee in their report stated :—

The Commissioner with his letter No 17429 submits a correspondence with the City Improvement Trust on the subject of the measures to be adopted in future in dealing with plague in the City. It appears that the Commissioner suggested to the Trust, among other measures that the construction of the thoroughfares in their Schemes Nos. II and III should be suspended for a time, leaving the better houses standing, and dealing with the most insanitary areas only in the schemes, and that the Trust should undertake a number of small Improvement Schemes, providing for the people displaced; and the Trustees have replied to the effect that they are in a position financially to undertake a few small Improvement Schemes, and that if the Municipal Commissioner would furnish a list of the areas which he considers should be dealt with urgently, the Trustees would give their best consideration to such a representation and endeavour to take up such schemes and carry them through as expeditiously as possible. In his letter to the Corporation the Commissioner says "It will be observed that I have expressed the opinion that the Trust should undertake further Improvement Schemes, and should, if necessary, temporarily confine their operation in respect of notified street schemes to the most insanitary areas included therein. The Trust have not so far, as I am aware, come to any decision in the latter question, but they have expressed their readiness to carry out further Improvement Schemes." Accordingly the Commissioner, after consulting the Executive Health Officer and the Executive Engineer, has selected the following areas, for the improvement of which to make an official representation to the Trust :—(1.) Kalapani Hill (2) Madanpura Tank Pakhadi, (3) Middle Colaba, (4) Kamathipura, (5) 2nd Nagpada (6) Vithalwadi Telwadi, (7) Gunri Bazar, (8) Umarkhadi, (9) Kolbhatwadi, (10) Vandekar Lane. As remarked by the Commissioner the subject is one of great public importance. The Committee met twice and discussed by the Commissioner the considerations affecting it. Further careful deliberation was necessary before the Committee could make a report, but in the meanwhile a letter (No. 40387, dated the 7th March 1905) was received from the Commissioner by the Municipal Secretary, intimating that he had made the necessary representations to the City Improvement Trust. The Commissioner was legally entitled to make the representation independently of the Corporation, but the Committee think that having submitted the matter to the Corporation for opinion, he would have done well to await opinion, But since the representation has already been made it is useless for the Committee to further examine the Commission er's proposals, as it will be time enough to discuss briefly some of the considerations which made them pause before recommending approval of those proposals. The policy of the Corporation in regard to the improvement of insanitary areas was clearly laid down in their Resolution No 2934, dated the 12th August 1901, which is quoted as follows:—That the Corporation are of opinion that side by side with the large street schemes air ady undertaken by the City of Bombay Improvement Trust, the Board should also take in hand smaller improvement schemes by which large wards or divisions of the city could be improved by removing comparatively small insanitary areas in their midst." In pursuance of this policy the Corporation caused the Commissioner to make an official representation to the Trust for dealing with certain insani ary areas in A ward. On this representation made two years ago, the Trust has so far apparently taken no action. That financial difficulties were not in the way is evident from its declaring to the Commissioner that it is in a position financially to undertake small improvement schemes. Ten such schemes of varying degrees of importance and urgency are now brought forward by the Commissioner, and it is difficult to decide both as to their relative importance and as to their importance in relaction to other insanitary areas in various parts of the City. The Committee think the proper way of proceeding in carrying out the policy indicated by the Corporation in 1901 and now again suggested to the Trust by the Commissioner, is to have a plan prepared of the whole City of Bombay on which such small improvements should be marked for all parts of the City would then be possible to understand in what order these improvements could be taken in hand, perhaps it could also be possible to dovetail some of these small improvements into the larger schemes. It appears to the Committee and that it is not improbable that, in consequence of the Nowrojee Hill Scheme being placed first by the Commissioner in order of urgency, the Trust may be induced to take it up before the others. In that case the Committee think that the more desirable smaller Improvement Schemes would be blocked up for an indefinite time. Further, the Committee beg to remind the Corporation that legislation is in hand in respect of the contribution payable by them to the City Improvement Trust If the Corporation, taking the initiative, push on to the Trust a large number of schemes, it would furnish justification to Government to make the Corporation pay to the Trust the full 3 per cent. on rateable value for which the Corporation has so far not admitted their liability. From these and other points of view the Commissioner's proposals required consideration and it is unfortunate that the Commissioner did not wait until the Committee's deliberations were concluded, and the Corporation had passed orders on their report. The Improvement of Bhatwadi, as well as the improvements in the Girgaum Ward, proposed in the papers received with the Commissioner's letter No. 30230, dated the 1st Febrnary 1905, which has been referred to this Committee by Corporation Resolution No. 5720, dated the 16th March 1905, may be left over till the result of the Commissioner's representation to the Trust is known. The Committee think it necessary to acquaint the Corporation by an ad-interim report with their circumstances that have thus unexpectedly supervened.

Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, the Hon. Mr. Dunn, and the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim did not agree with the report.

Dr. D. B. Master proposed that the report be recorded.

Dr. Sukhia could not see how in the face of previous representations, no improvements had been carried out by the City Trust in certain parts of the northern division of the Fort ward.

Dr. J Cursetji hoped that in addition to the large schemes already in hand, the Trustees would take up the improvement of small and congested areas in various parts of the city.

The proposition was then passed.

REMOVAL OF NIGHT SOIL BY STEAM BARGES.

The meeting considered a report of the Committee reconstituted by Corporation resolution dated 10th April 1904 on the question of the removal of night soil deep into the sea by steam barges.

Khan Bahadur M. C. Murzban proposed that the report be approved and adopted, and a copy forwarded to the Commissioner for information. Mr. Murzban referred to the difficulty of getting a site for a pier, and said he did not think one could be found south of Sewree, and so it would be impracticable to carry out the scheme, which was estimated to cost 22 1-2 lakhs of rupees.

Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin seconded the proposition

Dr. Sukhia affirmed that the total cost of the scheme would not exceed Rs. 4,60,000, and that the statement that no site was available for a pier for the proposed barges should not deter them from carrying out the proposal for the removal of sewage by barges.

Mr. Jehangir B. Petit thought that they should not be deterred by the estimates of the cost, for in many cities in the United States it was a common practice to remove cutchra out to sea by means of barges. In a city like Bombay he thought it would have been, possible to deal in the same manner first with cutchra and afterwards with sewage.

Khan Bahadur M. C. Murzban remarked that the scheme was impracticable, and he thought the Corporation should not waste Rs. 4,60,000 upon a doubtful experiment.

Mr. Murzban's proposition was then passed.

BAD SMELLS AT PAREL.

Mr. S. S. Batliwalla moved according to notice.—'That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to enquire into the causes of the foul and putrid smell always existing at the Level-crossings of the B. B and C. I. Railway, Parel, and the G. I. P. Railway Curry Road stations, and to remedy the same as early as possible, reporting to the Corporation the result of the action taken."

The proposition was put to the meeting and carried.

PROVISION FOR NEW CEMETARIES.

Dr. Viegas moved according to notice—"That a Committee composed of Councillors be appointed to consider in consultation with the Commissioner and report with reference to para 4 of the Report, dated the 24th August 1905, made by the Committee of the Corporation on the proposal to provide a new cemetery for the Portuguese community, what principles should be laid down as to the extent of the liability of the Corporation in regard to the provision of places for the disposal of the dead under Section 436 of the Municipal Act and the terms and conditions on which such places should in future be given."

The proposition was put to the vote and carried.

THE PROPOSED SITE FOR A THEATRE.

Mr. N. N. Sahar had given notice of his intention to propose, "That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to inform the Corporation if it is true that the Board of the City Improvement Trust proposed to lease the site of the plot to a Theatre Company without competition though there are about seven applicants for leasing."

As the proposer was absent, the proposition was not brought forward.

The Hon. Mr. G. O. W. Dunn asked permission to enter a protest against members giving notices of such propositions, and then absenting themselves from the meeting. He said that in the present instance the matter had been alluded to in the Press but he might mention that as a matter of fact the Board of the Improvement Trust had not come to a final decision on the subject.

The matter was not pressed further.

THE POST OF MUNICIPAL HEARTH OFFICER.

Dr. N. H. E Sukhia proposed according to notice "That a Committee be appointed to invite applications by advertisement describing therein the legislation as to remuneration, &c., for the post of Municipal Health Officer for the next quinquennial period, and, in consultation with the Commissioner, to enquire into the qualifications of applicants and submit to the Corporation the names of the most eligible candidate or candidates, That the present Health Officer, Dr. J. A. Turner, be at liberty to apply for the post and that, if necessary, he be appointed provisionally under Section 75 for a period of four months from the date on which the vacancy occurs pending the report of the Committee, That the Corporation are of opinion that a legally qualified medical practitioner with a Degree or Diploma in Sanitary Science and Public Health and with a satisfactory practical knowledge of Bacteriology and Drainage should be preferred."

The proposition found no seconder and was allowed to drop.

This concluded the business before the meeting.

NOTES FROM AURANGABAD

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

AURANGABAD DEC. 8.

THE great festival of the Ramzan terminated yesterday by a vast crowd of devotees assembling comprised of the inhabitants of the city, Cavalry, Cantonment, Military Lines and outlying Villages adjacent to the Cantonment. Owing to the prevalence of plague during the past four years the inhabitants of each centre celebrated this Festival at their own mosques. But this year the large Eedgah near the Cantonment water Reservoir, was resorted to by a crowd computed to have numbered from five to six thousand souls and it was a picturesque scene to be long remembered by all those who were fortunate enough to witness it. An unforeseen incident occurred which threatened to mar the proceedings somewhat. The Nawab Basheer Nawaz Jung, Bahadur, the Soubah (Revenue Commissioner), Mr. Syed Ali Bilgrami (First Talukdar) and a few other high officials were conspicuous in their resplendent robes. The Soubah had come on a superbly coparisoned State Elephant which nearly brought its master to grief by becoming restive and rearing up its forelegs like a horse and refusing to permit any one to get on his back, hence the Soubah had to return to his "Dawli" in the city on his state carriage, which he had in readiness as a reserve in case of emergencies. While returning home, he was surrounded by a contingent of mendicants who failing to obtain any baksheesh, abused him and his whole generation of ancestors to their hearts content. As this he only laughed and told them to wish him at home forever, he promised them a sumpteous treat, but very few of them responded.

The monsoon this year has almost proved a dead failure in the Cantonment, in consequence of which not only Famine but a drought also is apprehended. In consequence thereof, cereals and other food stuffs, as well as fodder for cattle are getting very scarce. What is available is selling at very exhorbitant rates, which are rising by leaps and bounds. Some of the wealthy dealers are importing grain in large quantities from out lying stations, by which they hope to make huge profits.

A Staff Ride was organised by the Military Force stationed here, assisted by another from Ahmednagar, which was a composite one, consisting of Europeans and Natives. The brigade from here left for their destination over a week ago and performed their journey of over sixty miles in five days. This was called the Red Force, while the enemy's was designated Blue. With the former were Lt.-Col. A. W. Leonard, Major G. M. Audain, Lt. J. E. Carey, Lt. N. C. Taylor, Lt. W. Mc. N. Rathborne from the 98th Infantry; Lt.-Col. H. G. Bremner, Major A. H. Allenby, Captain R. P. Jackson, Lt. J. T. C. Broadbent, Lt. R. R. Hart, from the 73rd Carnatic Infantry, Lt.-Col. A. W. Forbes, Major N. G. Fraser Capt. W. G. Cooper, Lt R. W. W. Grimshaw, Lt. E. G. Morley from 34th Poona Horse. A few officers from the Nagar brigade were detailed for duty with the Aurangabad one whose names are Colonel Wood, 125th Bombay Infantry, Major C. O. O. Tanner, Brigade Major, Captain Mackey, of the European battery. A similar number of officers were attached to the Ahmednagar Force. At the close of the Manœuvres, both sides met at the Dak bungalow at Imampur, where after transacting some official business, they passed an agreeable social evening. With the Aurangabad Force was a strong body of signallers about forty in number, who performed their duties to the entire satisfaction of Lt. R. R. Hart, brigade signalling officer of the 73rd Carnatic Infantry. On the last day, the poor signallers had to tramp a distance of about twenty-five miles in one day, which they did without a single man falling out, and it speaks volumes for their powers of endurance.

In my previous communications I had already informed you of the prevalence of Famine in this District. To alleviate the present distress, Relief Works have been started by H. H. the Nizam's Government. The two principal ones are at Raza and the repairs to the Kaigaon Toka Road, on which hundreds of persons are engaged, who would otherwise have fared very badly. As these works are very extensive and others are also in contemplation it is hoped that all the Famine stricken persons here will find ample scope for the display of their pent-up energies.

THE B. T. C. AND THE EXCISE COMMITTEE.

THE Bombay Temperance Council has been informed by the Secretary to the Excise Committee that the Committee will sit in Bombay from the 9th to the 20th instant. The Council has also been asked, if it has any statement to lay before the Committee, and whether any members of the Council wish to address it, the 14th instant being suggested as the probable date of the hearing. The Council, has sent a reply to the Committee to the effect that Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, the President, and Mr. D. D. Glider, the Honorary Secretary to the Council will appear as joint witnesses. They have prepared a statement to be submitted to the Committee, which they wish to address on the following points :—

1. How the revenue question forms the leading feature in the Abkari policy of the Bombay Government;
2. The Farming System and its evils;
3. Local option: how local public sentiment is set at naught with regard to the location of shops;
4. Liquorshops at fairs and other gatherings;
5. Notices of applications for liquo.shops;
6. Women and liquor bars;
7. Toddy—a "wholesome and invigorating beverage."

THE arrival of the two French Engineers who are to erect the furnace of the Calcutta Crematorium encourages the hope that the building will soon be available for its purpose. The structural work, which is being done by Messrs. Browalie and Murray, Ltd., and is under the direction of Mr. W. J. McGill, their structural engineer, is already in an advanced state. The probability is that the building will be finished and all tests duly carried out by the end of February.

BOMBAY EDUCATION SOCIETY.

(Concluded from page 5.)

The Head Master desires to acknowledge the help given him by Mr. Colhoun in coaching the Junior Cricket Team, who, under their young Captain George Scott, carried off the Giles Junior Cricket Shield. This is the second time in five years that the shield has been won by our boys. We are greatly indebted to Mr. N. Hammett, who kindly volunteered to open a Gymnastic Class last year. An offer very gladly accepted. He has not only been very keen on putting the boys through their course, but has also presented them with a trapeze and climbing ropes. We have also to thank Mr. Lund for a very fine set of parallel bars. We have almost all the apparatus we require for a gymnasium, and we have also material for a roof, and hope, with the kind help of friends, to raise about Rs. 800 to put up a plain suitable gymnasium. By holding literary meetings debates, lantern and other lectures, and occasional musical entertainments we have attempted to develope the social side of the life of our boys and girls, and we are grateful to those who have assisted us in this work, which is of such great importance where so many of the children have no home, save their School. More especially are our thanks due to Mr. H. C. Sounday, for kindly exibiting his excellent lantern views. The Girls' School was inspected by Miss M. Ashworth, the inspectress of Girls' Schools, jointly with Mr. A. I. Covernton, on the 3rd of November, and the following are extracts from her report:—"The Kindergarten has changed hands during the year, and is now in charge of Miss Booker. There is an improvement in this class; the children are brighter and the tone is generally more cheerful. The forms to which I objected last year have been raised, and the children no longer sit huddled up. The drill and singing of these classes were both bright and vigorous."

Drill and Recreation.—This School is earning for itself a special reputation for girls in the city of Bombay, Swedish drill is carefully taught.

Domestic Economy—Needlework still forms an important branch of the curriculum. All the clothes worn by the girls are made by them, and the elder girls cut out and make up simple dresses, using the sewing machine. Cooking lessons are also given and the general theory of domestic economy is learnt. Since I inspected the School last, a number of books, including Chamber's Encyclopedia have been bought; these are to form the nucleus of a School Library. The School maintains its reputation for being simple and practical. The curriculum has its limitations, it is so extensive that necessarily some of the subjects are not studied intensively; this applies specially to Geography, and I believe, also to Literature. What the girls know they know well, their answers are free from vagueness, and their written work is neat. A school museum has been started in the Girls' School and much interest has been displayed in it by teachers parents, and children. The elder girls have been taken to the Mint, the Natural History Museum, the Society's Press, and a bakery. We are glad to hear of the success of a former scholar of the School who has passed the Teachers Examination in the United Provinces. This year a pupil has passed the first examination to qualify as an Army Schoolmistress. Louise Anderson, who has passed the VIII. Standard has been given the post of 1st Standared Mistress in the Boys' School and hopes to study for a Teachers certificate. Another girl on leaving has found employment as pupil teacher in the Freere Fletcher School. Another is working for the Sister in Khandalla.

This School has joined the Girls' High School Athletic Association, organized by Miss Ashworth. The Challenge Cup for Tennis, presented last year, was competed for in April by four schools in Bombay. The girls took a keen interest and did well in the competition, playing in the finals. The girls have a hockey team, and occasionally matches are arranged between them and the junior boys. The Head Mistress wishes to thank Miss Savage for the interest she has shewn in the welfare of the children and also for the help she has given in encouraging them in their games. Thanks are also due to those teachers and to the Matrons, who have worked earnestly and well for the School during the past year.

Religious Instruction.—The Rev. T. Davis, M. A., C. M. S., examined the Higher Standards in both the Schools and report as follows:—"Ten years ago I reported "It was very apparent to me that religious instruction holds no secondary position in the curriculum of the Schools.' I see no reason to alter that opinion now. In fact the Byculla boys and girls always do well in their Scripture Examinations. As regards the Boys' School, the papers in Old and New Testament History were distinctly good, some being excellent. The girls did equally well, their answers indicating careful preparation and deligent study. On the whole, the work reflects creditably on the painstaking efforts of the teaching staff." The Chaplain of Byculla, who takes part in the Religious Instruction and has examined the Lower Standards in both schools, has also expressed himself satisfied with the teaching of this subject. The thanks of the Society are due to Dr. Davar, Surgeon Dentist, for his gratuitous attendance to the orphan children; to Mrs. W. Kennedy and Mrs. J. Reed, for kindly examining the girls in needlework, cutting-out, and cookery; and to those ladies and gentlemen who have subscribed to the funds of the Society, and who have otherwise assisted in promoting the interests of the same.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to his Excellency for presiding; and some very interesting exhibitions were then given by pupils of the school, the infants arousing much applause by their very picturesque flag drill and the girls showed the excellent system of physical training they get by means of dumb-bell exercises. A scene from the "Merchant of Venice" was ably performed by a group of girls, while the boys had an opportunity of displaying their prowess at gymnastics. Altogether a very interesting afternoon

BOMBAY FIRST EXTRA MEETING.

SATURDAY DECEMBER, 16.

Entry closed at 6 p. m. on Monday 11th December, 1905.

The December Plate—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mr Fenoh's b am m Balayouse (4 years)
Mr H Brewen's ch aus g Banker (aged)
Mr Turmer's b aus g Rossi (aged) (by were)
Mr Artin A Essayie's br aus g Koko 11-2 (6 year)
Mr R J Hunter's ch aus g Victory (aged)
Mr S D Mehta's br aus m Blu Blood (aged)
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's b aus g Freelance (aged)

The Arab Plate—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mr S A Wahed's b a h Carastanus (4 years)
Mr G K's b a h Tasman (aged)
Mr Mulraj Kh taus b a h Peculiar (6 year)
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Hampstead (5 years)
Mr Hossen Z har's g a h Minhaul 14-0 (aged)
Mr J Jacob's b a h Ohira h 13-3 3-4 (5 year)
Mr S Marriot's b a h Wily 14-0 (aged)
Mr Khatt bin Dowree's ch a h Makhool (5 years)
Mr Marshall's ch a h Vanderbilt (3 years)
Mr A M Ameer's g a h Young Kohinoor 14-0 (aged)
Mr S Dharwad's b a h Young Kaiser (5 years)
Mr P E Dharwad's g a h Ashroff 14-0 (4 years)
Mr Foolsdan Tejpal's b a h Monhoot (5 years)
Mr G a g a h Horsak 14-0 (aged)
Mrs M Goculdass A Nanjee and A M Ameer ch a h Royal (3 years)
Mrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's g a h False start 13-3 3-4 (6 years)

The Pony Plate—Distance 5 furlongs.

Lt Col J S Forbes br e g Emonent by Emendam Unknown 14-0 1-2
Mr G L Khimjie's b aus m Lily of the Valley 13-3 3-4
Mr G K's ch aus m Virsalla 14-1 3-4
Mr Artin A Essayie's br aus g Koko 11-2
Mr F J Hunter's b aus m Judy 14-1 2-4
Mr F C Naples br aus g Netherly 14-2
Mr Maxwell's b aus m Miu 14-1 3-4
Messrs M Goculdass and N Nanjee's b aus m Picture 14-2

The Arab Pony Plate—Distance 6 furlongs

Mr A Razak's g a h Young Cardigan 14-0
Mr R R S ch a h Tachreet 13-3 1-2
Mr M Ally's ch a h Napoleon 13-2
Mr Artin A Essayee's g a h Little Joker 13-1 1-2
Mr F M Gardn's b a h Kour Sahib 13-3 1-2
Mr G K's b a h Yerbb 13-3 1-2
Mr Tooloidass Tejpal's b a h Practical 14-0
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's b a h Bay Middleton 13-3

The Novice Plate—Distance 5 furlongs

Mr A Razack's br h Osborne 13-3 1-2
Mr Mahmood Mahomed's g a h Karadev 14
Mo Faraj bin Sanad's b a h Young Mosumma 13-3 3-4
Mr R R S ch a h Sherali 13-3
Mr R R S g a h Kosmin 13-3 1-2
Messrs M J S Mahomed, A A Saif and A Gany's g a h Nadim 13-1 1-2
Mr Jame's bh a h Prestidigitatour 14-0
Mr P E Bharwad's g a h Ashruff 14-0
Mr A M Jaffar's g a h Nonplus 12-2 3-4
Mr Jawad Mahomed's g h Air Motvi 13-3-4
Mr Jawad Mahomed's g a h Welness II 13-3 1-2
Mr Hajee Suleman's b a h Akyab 13-2 3-4
Mr Toolsidass Tejpal's b a h Practical 14-0
Mr A K Readymoney's b a h Magna Charta 13-3 1-2
Mr G K's ch a h Victoria Cries 13-2 1-4
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's b a h Foxhall 12-3 1-4
Mr G Murdoch's g a h Sharajoom 14-0

The old year Plate—Distance 5 furlongs.

Mr A S Comer's bl a h Sabig 13-3 3-4
Mr Greenhill's b a h Zinfandel 13-1 1-2
Mr R R S a h Flamdenstorm 13-3 1-4
Messrs Goolamally S Mahomed A A Saif and L K Kapadia's b a h Settler 13-1 1-2
Mr Alex Essayie's b a h Malabar 13-2
Mr A M Ameer's ch a h Caravan 13-2
Mr S N Mahomed's g a h Darby 13-2 1-4
Mr A M Jaffar's g a h Nonplus 13-2 3-4
Mr Maxwell's g a h Young Gazelle 13-2
Mr Grade's b a h Ranjitsinhje Jam C Jamshed 13-2
Mr M Goculdass and A Nanjie's g a h Calcutta 13-2

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W I T C.

Bombay, 12th December 1905

Don't neglect your cough. Stop it at once and drive away all thought of consumption.

NAVAL AND MILITARY NOTES.

THE idea of reducing the Regular Army in any considerable degree has happily been abandoned altogether. Reductions occupied a large place in the scheme of Army reorganisation, but such pressure has been brought to bear that, except in the case of the Royal Garrison Regiment, very little has been done in that direction. The first public declaration upon the subject was made, we think, by Mr. Balfour in his speech at Newcastle on Tuesday. The Prime Minister is Chairman of the Committee of Imperial Defence, and therefore we welcome his declaration that, broadly speaking he does not believe that the British Regular Army ought to be very largely diminished. "We have obligations which we cannot ignore, and in my view those obligations cannot be carried out if we choose to effect economies by any great reduction in the Regular Forces of the Crown. Mr. Balfour said once more that he hoped our Army would always be raised by voluntary enlistment, and heavy as are the charges for the Army, he does not believe that we can economise to any great extent except by a large diminution in numbers, which he altogether dissents from. The Prime Minister did not go into any details, but we have indicated the essential point he made—that there can be no material reduction either in men or money.

The recurrence of the period of the Army promotion examinations lends pertinency to General Hutchinson's recent report upon the examinations in May last, which he thought compared not unfavourably with those of the previous November. The captains did a little better, and the lieutenants a little worse, and the figures, said General Hutchinson, might be improved, but on the whole were satisfactory. It was no doubt highly creditable to the King's Royal Rifle Corps that two of its officers—Brevet Major G. S. St. Aubyn and Lieut. G. C. Kelly were the most prominent of all the candidates, while the best officer of the Canadian Permanent Forces was Lieut J. L. H. Bogart, of the Royal Canadian Engineers. But we are afraid it would be impossible to feel any great enthusiasm as to the results of the examination as a whole. The number of candidates examined in all the sub-heads of (d) was 677, and of these 142 failed to pass being 21·9 per cent., while fifty-five officers, or 8·1 per cent., failed in two or more subjects, and therefore, had to take the whole examination again. Only twelve officers obtained 80 per cent. of marks, while a considerable number were not very far above the minimum of 50 per cent. The average marks for captains at home and abroad were about the same but the lieutenants abroad came out markedly better than those at home. Cavalry officers were below the average in their marking, while approximately average marking was obtained by the artillery, infantry, and Army Service Corps, the really brilliant work being done by the Royal Engineers.

In view of the attitude of the authorities towards the Royal Engineers, the success of officers of that Corps at the May examinations was noteworthy. They proved themselves the most "brainy" men on that occasion. Not one Royal Engineer officer, either captain or lieutenant, failed to pass. They might certainly be expected to come out well in d (1), which relates to military engineering, tactics and topography, but they did well in all subjects. In every particular case the captains and lieutenants were high above the average, which their excellent marking did a good deal to raise. The aggregate marks for captains were 1,054, but the average for the Royal Engineers was 1,152, and three of them got over 80 per cent. of the possible 1,000. The lieutenants did as well, for, while the average marks of lieutenants at home were 957, and of those abroad 1,010, the thirty-eight Royal Engineer lieutenants averaged 1,152, being thus exactly equal to the captains. Two of them got 80 per cent., and it is noteworthy that five of the twelve officers who obtained this high marking were Royal Engineers, although the total number of sappers examined was only sixty-five out of the 677. These figures are of considerable significance at the present time, and we give them as a matter of interest without comment.

The most disquieting feature of General Hutchinson's report was the falling off which he has noticed in the quality of the military history papers. There were more failures in this subject than in any other, particularly among the lieutenants, and yet military history is one of the most important subjects in professional education. It is by reading and reading again as Napoleon said, the campaigns of the past, that those who pass their lives largely engaged in routine business have their minds broadened, and when the lessons of history are read, as they must be, with those of modern times, the effect is to develop in the individual a large conception of military requirements and to lay the basis for acquiring the qualities of high command. The total failures in this subject last November were 7·1 per cent., while 30 per cent. of the candidates obtained 80 per cent. of marks, but at the May examination the failures increased to 17·2 per cent., while the very good papers were only 7·2 per cent. General Hutchinson did not profess to account for this large falling off, but it might be well if the composition of the examining boards was investigated. It is possible that the marking was much more stringent than at the previous examination. Many officers abused the permission to send in additional illustrations or memoranda on matters connected with the questions. They poured out any amount of scraps of knowledge, which was often irrelevant. General Hutchinson remarked rather sarcastically that some candidates, referring to Lexington, added the intelligence that "Stonewall Jackson was Professor of Natural Philosophy there, and is buried their." Accordingly in no future examination will supplementary answers be called for or allowed, which seems a proper measure to take. Military history was thus the subject in which candidates proved most unsatisfactory. There was considerable improvement in military engineering, tactics, and topography, though map-reading was still a weak point, while military law, administration, organisation and equipment all produced satisfactory papers.

We have often said that inadequate pay is not the real cause of the dearth of officers, though it doubtless has much to do with the present situation. We cannot, however, shut our eyes to the fact that the Army is not a poor man's profession. Apparently the country does not think of paying officers for what they do. They are supposed to serve for honour and glory; but it is an unfortunate truth that though there are fewer plums in the Service than there used to be, these are generally reserved for men well endowed with the world's goods, or who have influence to back them. Parents who cannot provide for their boys do not customarily put them into the Army, which is a wise course to pursue, for it is a miserable thing for an officer wearing his Majesty's uniform to have to keep up appearances on the pittance he receives. It is well-known that the higher positions in the Army can only be held by men possessing money, and the authorities do not often make the mistake of appointing poor men to them. The course to be pursued by the War Office is, of course, a difficult one, for the emoluments of officers cannot be increased without making large additions to the Army Estimates. Some sumptuary regulations have been issued, but, inasmuch as there are many officers in the Army who are not poor men, they are not always welcomed. There are cases in which officers have to refuse invitations, and thereby become to some extent unpopular, because there are regulations which prevent them from entertaining in return. In dealing with all these matters a good deal of tact and delicate handling are necessary, but it is of no use to shut our eyes to the fact that the British Army as at present organised is not a profession for a poor man who does not desire to spend his life in India or seek some service in a colonial garrison.

When Lord Curzon made his last speech as Viceroy of India at the Byculla Club dinner at Bombay, says the "Army Navy Gazette" it was inevitable that he should refer to the causes which have compelled him to lay down his weighty charge. He spoke with dignity and a lofty sense of right responsibility when he said that he had fought for principles only, and especially, as he described it for the indestructible subordination of the military to the civil authority in the administration of well conducted states. Nothing of a personal quarrel has influenced his action. There are two sides to the question at issue, as we have often said and no unanimity exists in the Indian Army upon the difficulty that was at the root of the disagreement. The fact that the Commander-in-Chief's proposals were subjected to the criticism of officers junior in rank upon points of administrative expediency or possibility, has never seemed to us a serious difficulty, because such minuting by juniors is as commonplace of military and civil administration. The rivalry between the Commander-in-Chief and the Military Department was no new thing. It had fluctuated with circumstances and the views of individuals, but it has always existed. Lord Minto may be expected to remember that as Viceroy and Governor-General in Council, he will be responsible for the whole of the civil and military government of India. He will have the Commander-in-Chief as his adviser, and time alone can tell whether he will require another adviser of great magnitude. Since the approach of Russia to the borders of Afghanistan the defence of India has assumed a new phase, and hence the greater importance of the military government. The duties are of extraordinary importance, and it has yet to be seen whether the Commander-in-Chief can adequately control the whole of the Military Department. The new system will soon be under effective trial and there is every reason to hope that it will work well. Lord Curzon believes that the principles which he has endeavoured to vindicate will finally triumph. We believe that they will do so, but without involving a return to the former state of the military administration.

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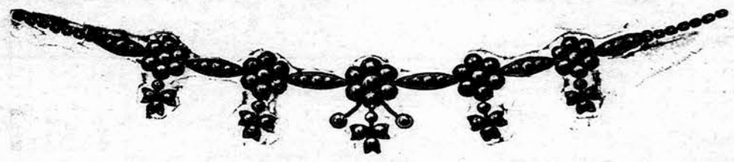
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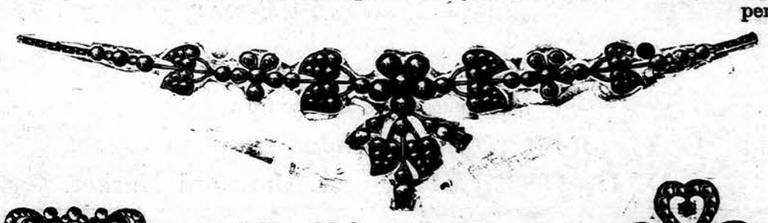
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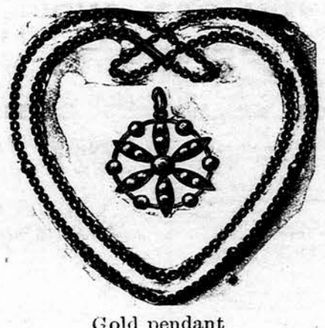
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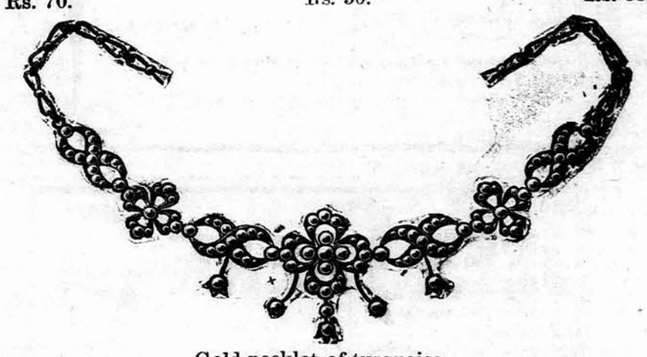
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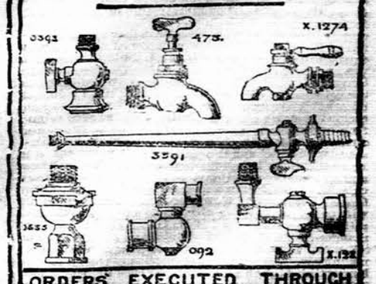

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